

Syria rejects U.S. plan in present form

DAMASCUS (AP) — Syria Sunday rejected a proposal for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement submitted to Arab and Israeli leaders by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz last week. Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa also said he did not believe any other Arab state would support the plan. "We have studied the American proposal and we think the plan is unacceptable," he said. "We also believe that it is not acceptable to any other Arab state," Sharaa told reporters. He spoke at Damascus airport after seeing off his Swedish counterpart, Sten Andersson. Andersson left for home after a 24-hour visit and talks with President Hafez al-Assad and Sharaa on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Sharaa's statement was the first outright Syrian rejection of the plan, which Shultz submitted to Assad during a visit to Damascus March 4. Sharaa said: "We hope the American administration would come up with a much clearer proposal," leaving the door open for additional U.S.-Syrian consultations.

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Crown Prince begins Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Saturday began a brief working visit to Pakistan during which he will convey a verbal message from His Majesty King Hussein to Pakistani President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq. Prince Hassan will also hold talks with Zia and senior Pakistani officials on bilateral relations as well as issues of common concern to the Arab and Islamic worlds. The Crown Prince was greeted upon arrival by Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and senior Pakistani officials. Also at hand to receive Prince Hassan were heads of Arab and Islamic diplomatic missions in Pakistan and Jordan's Ambassador Fakhri Abu Taleb. The Crown Prince later held talks with Junejo on the latest developments in the Arab and Islamic scenes and Jordan-Pakistan relations.

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Rifai briefs Cabinet on King's visits

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Saturday briefed the Cabinet on His Majesty King Hussein's visits to Iraq, Kuwait, Syria and Egypt. The King's talks with Arab leaders focused on the ongoing uprising in the occupied territories and on coordinating Arab positions towards the American peace initiative.

Churches urged to pressure Israel

ISTANBUL (R) — World churches should put pressure on Israel to take part in an international peace conference aimed at founding a Palestinian state, the World Council of Churches (WCC) said Saturday. The WCC executive committee said in a statement that Israel deserved international condemnation for using excessive violence to suppress Palestinian demonstrations. "The popular uprising... is an expression of the will for national self-determination," the committee said in its only major statement after a week of meetings in Istanbul. "Prolongation of the conflict will have catastrophic consequences... equality is the only guarantee for peace." The WCC urged its 300 Orthodox and Protestant member churches to "bring pressure on the government of Israel, through diplomatic and other measures, for negotiations, within the framework of the international conference."

Swedish firm admits arms shipments to Israel

STOCKHOLM (R) — A Swedish state-owned arms company said Saturday that it exported anti-tank guns to Israel via The Netherlands from 1970 to 1973, sales which would have broken a government weapons embargo. Gyn Engman, information chief of the company FFV, made the admission two days after the firm said it almost certainly broke the embargo by shipping ammunition to Australia while it was fighting in the Vietnam War. The admissions have embroiled Sweden in a new arms scandal and dealt a blow to the neutral country which officially bans exports of arms to areas of actual or potential conflict.

Syria to question PLO official on kidnapping

SIDON (R) — Syria has arrested a senior Palestinian official for questioning on his role in securing the release of two U.N. relief workers held in South Lebanon, Palestinian sources said Saturday. Salah Salah, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) representative in Lebanon, was detained Wednesday at Masnaa on the Syrian border while travelling to Damascus from Beirut. "The Syrians want to question him on the kidnapping of the two U.N. workers and his role in freeing them."

Afghan rebel alliance leader resigns

ISLAMABAD (R) — The leader of the main Pakistan-based Afghan guerrilla alliance resigned Saturday, a statement from the group said. It said 69-year-old Mohammad Younis Khalis quit the chairmanship of the seven-party alliance at a meeting of its supreme council in Islamabad, citing "health problems."

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All Palestinians to leave Israeli police force

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Nearly half of the one thousand Palestinian members of the Israeli police force in the occupied West Bank and Gaza had resigned by Saturday night, police sources said.

The entire Arab police force would quit by Sunday, a senior Arab policeman in the town of Ramallah said. The resignations were in reaction to a call by the underground leadership of the three-month-old uprising in the occupied territories for Palestinians to stop working for the Israeli occupation authorities. Palestinian police are not involved in quelling the uprising but are responsible for matters such as traffic and crime control. At least 900 Palestinians have been killed and 1,000 wounded in the uprising which began Dec. 9. Continued protests were reported in the West Bank and Gaza Saturday. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, whose town lost its entire police force, deplored the decision to resign. "It must be made clear the Arab police are not interfering in any in the uprising," he said. "Their resignation will leave a big and dangerous vacuum. There will be robberies and murders that will require police intervention."

Freij added: "I think this decision should be immediately reconsidered."

Resignations submitted by Palestinian police over the weekend take effect Monday. Police sources said all 300 Arab policemen in the southern part of the West Bank resigned Friday. On Saturday, 30 policemen resigned in the northern part of the



A defiant Palestinian woman confronts an Israeli soldier in the occupied West Bank

West Bank, and a further 165 policemen resigned in the Gaza Strip.

First Lieutenant Mustafa Adawi, the top Arab officer in Ramallah, said a committee of police officers had decided all 1,000 Palestinian members of the force would resign if the Unified National Leadership of the Uprising asked them to do so. "It is our national duty," Adawi said. He spoke in an interview Friday but the report was suppressed by Israeli military censors for 24 hours.

Adawi said 14 officers met last week to decide on their response to a call issued by the leadership of the uprising in the name of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) for all civil servants to stop working for the occupation authorities.

The officers decided to call a meeting of all Palestinian policemen but were refused permission to do so by an Israeli officer in

charge of personnel, Adawi said. The officer tried to dissuade them from quitting, offering pay rises. Adawi did not say how the 14 officers communicated with the rest of the policemen but said a decision was taken for the entire force to quit if the uprising leadership reiterated the call.

On Thursday the leadership issued its 10th communique since the uprising began, repeating the

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Israeli jets bomb Fateh bases

SIDON (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes bombed Palestinian camps on the outskirts of Sidon Saturday. First reports said at least one man was killed and 10 people were wounded in the 10-minute raid.

Witnesses and Palestinians quoted by news agencies said four Israeli aircraft took part in the two-stage raid on positions of the Fateh group of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the Mich Mieh and 'Ain Al Dill areas near Sidon, 40 kilometres south of Beirut.

Heavy black smoke billowed from the hilltop positions and ambulances rushed to the scene as rescue workers dug through rubble with their bare hands in search of injured.

Witnesses said 10 injured people were pulled from ruined buildings; four of them seriously

hurt, and rescue workers were searching for an 11th missing fighter.

The air raid, the second by Israel on Lebanese territory this year, appeared to be in retaliation for the hijacking of an Israeli bus by Palestinians in the Negah desert last Monday.

Three Israelis and the three hijackers were killed in the incident, which was hailed by the PLO as revenge for Israeli violence against Palestinian protesters in the occupied territories.

Witnesses quoted by Reuters said Saturday's Israeli attack demolished three two-storey buildings used by Fateh in and around 'Ain Al Dill in their first run and returned within seven minutes to hit two buildings in Mich Mieh.

They said roads leading to Mich Mieh and 'Ain Al Dill were

blocked by rubble from the buildings.

The jets drew heavy anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian and Lebanese militia positions in Sidon and surrounding hills, the witnesses said.

The Israeli army command said its planes struck installations used by Palestinian commandos to plan attacks against targets inside Israel and as an exit point for these attacks.

It said the targets were demolished and all the planes returned safely to base. It gave no other details.

It was the second Israeli air raid on Palestinian targets in Lebanon this year.

Twelve Israeli warplanes carried out a rare nighttime attack Jan. 2 against bases manned by Fateh commandos and fighters of

Joint panel allocates \$32m for Palestinians

AMMAN (Petra) — The Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee for Supporting the Struggle of the Palestinian People in the Occupied Arab Territories Saturday announced the allocation of \$32 million for financing economic, health, educational, social and developmental projects in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

An official spokesman for the committee said the allocations were decided upon during meetings of the committee in Amman last Wednesday and Thursday.

The committee reviewed priorities in implementation of schemes in the occupied territories, "especially in light of the ongoing uprising which placed different Arab sectors there under considerable economic pressure," the spokesman said. The committee reviewed in detail its financial situation and adopted specific resolutions, fixing allocations for the various sectors, in addition to trade unions and Islamic waqf, the spokesman said.

He said the \$32 million allocation exceeds the committee's \$19 million revenues which came solely from Saudi Arabia.

The committee voiced its appreciation and gratitude to Saudi Arabia for providing continued help to the committee's programmes and expressed hope that other Arab countries would contribute towards the committee's endeavours, the spokesman said.

Perez de Cuellar accuses U.S. of violating agreement with U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United States violated its agreement with the United Nations, when it decided to close the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) mission in New York, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Saturday.

But in a written report to the General Assembly he proposed no new measures to deal with the situation pending a decision by the World Court, which is to start considering the case next month. U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese Friday ordered the PLO mission in Manhattan to close by March 21, the date set in the U.S. Congress's 1987 "anti-terrorism" act.

Recalling his meeting with U.S. delegate Herbert Okun, who informed him of Meese's action, Perez de Cuellar said he protested to the American representative and stated that the U.S. decision as outlined to him was "a clear violation of the headquarters agreement between the United Nations and the United States."

This accord, signed in June 1947, established U.N. headquarters in New York and obligated the United States to facilitate the entry and functioning of persons invited by the world body to participate in its activities. (Continued on page 5)

The United Nations invited the PLO to set up an observer mission in 1974. The PLO's representatives routinely take part in U.N. debates, without voting rights.

The PLO, which is recognised by the General Assembly as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, has a special status close to that of a sovereign state.

The dispute over the mission has placed the United States in conflict with the United Nations and virtually the entire membership, except for Israel. Last

150 feared killed in Kathmandu stampede

KATHMANDU (R) — More than 80 people are known to have died in a stampede after a soccer match at Nepal's national stadium Saturday and hospital doctors say the death toll may reach 150.

Up to 20,000 spectators at a football match between Nepalese and Bangladeshi teams panicked as a hailstorm struck the city and rushed for the stadium's locked gates.

But their escape from the rain was barred by locked gates, which survivors claimed police refused to open before the match ended without orders from their officers.

Eyewitnesses described victims screaming as they were crushed to death by the weight of hundreds of people behind them.

Hours after the disaster, already described as the worst in the history of this Himalayan kingdom, ambulances were still ferrying the injured to hospitals in Kathmandu and nearby Patan.

"Nobody can give a proper count," said one doctor, "but we think there are more than 700 injured."

"The count of dead bodies will reach 150 by tomorrow morning," predicted another doctor. The tragedy began when a violent storm abruptly hit Kathmandu, a dusty city of half a million people surrounded by the foothills of the Himalayas and with a distant view of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain.

King returns from Cairo; Arafat expected here soon

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein returned home late Friday after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo on the latest developments in the Middle East and the new American proposal for peace in the region.

In a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the King said his talks with Mubarak were part of inter-Arab consultations and coordination to confront challenges facing the Arab Nation.

King Hussein, who earlier this week held talks with the leaders of Syria, Iraq and Kuwait on the U.S. peace proposal, said Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat

was expected soon in Amman for similar discussions.

"I have actually extended an invitation to Arafat to visit Jordan for consultations and discussions on these matters and the new developments," he said at a news conference in Cairo before returning to Amman. "We expect this visit to take place shortly."

Optimism
Mubarak said that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's rejection of the latest U.S. Middle East initiatives was an obstacle to peace but added that he remained optimistic.

King Hussein, standing by Mubarak's side at the news conference after three and a half hours of talks, told reporters he agreed that Shamir's stand was an

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Iraqis hit Iranian oil pumping station

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said Saturday its jets hit a tanker in the Gulf and an oil pumping station on the Iranian mainland, indicating a shift of hostilities to economic targets as a truce in the "war of the cities" appeared to be holding.

Tehran accused Iraq of violating the truce, sending a warplane to bomb Gachsaran town, in southwestern Iran.

Tehran Television quoted a spokesman for the war information headquarters as saying the plane was "forced to flee under heavy anti-aircraft fire."

He said the aircraft was seen "dropping it bombs out of frustration in a desert area."

The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) earlier reported that Iranian Revolutionary Guards attacked and set ablaze the offshore Al Amaya platform in the northern tip of the Gulf.

Iraq said its jets, in the first air action since the Gulf enemies called an informal truce in their "war of the cities," raided the Imam Hassan oilfield at 1.41 p.m. (1041 GMT).

A Baghdad military spokesman said all planes returned safely. "It is Iraq's right to destroy Iran's economic installations whose revenues finance the continued aggression on Iraq," he said.

When Iraq bailed the missile war Friday it said economic facilities would remain legitimate targets.

Iraq said its jets hit a super-tanker near the Iranian coast Friday night after a similar raid the previous night. Independent shipping sources have not confirmed either attack.

Reports from Tehran said life was returning to normal in the city, pounded by more than 50 missiles in the last two weeks. Turkey's Anatolian news agency, which has a bureau in Tehran, said residents were relieved the raids had ended.

But it quoted one as saying: "There are no grounds for over-optimism. The war of the cities could start all over again in a short time."

In Vienna, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larijani said Saturday priority should be given to a Gulf war peace plan proposed by U.N.

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Iraq hopes for serious Iranian move for peace

By Hamadeh Al Faraneh Special to the Jordan Times

BAGHDAD — Iraq's initiative to end the war of cities with Iran aims to avoid further loss of life among innocent civilians and expresses Iraq's total rejection of the idea of destruction and death.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Under-Secretary Nizar Hamdoun said Saturday in a statement here to the Jordan Times and Al Ra'i.

Hamdoun expressed hope the Iraqis would respond favourably to the Iraqi initiative "which aims to reduce tension and pave the way for an end to the war."

"Iraq hopes that Iran will realise that the balance of power is in Iraq's favour and will seriously think of ending the conflict with

its neighbour," Hamdoun said. Recent visits by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz to Moscow and Peking were positive and "there are positive indications which will be reflected in the ongoing consultations among U.N. Security Council, which is expected to adopt a balanced position vis-a-vis the Gulf war," Hamdoun said.

Hamdoun called on the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers meeting due to be held in Amman later this month to take "a clear stand with regard to the war and the Palestine issue and adopt effective measures to safeguard the higher interests of the Islamic World."

Goria resignation plunges Italy into crisis

ROME (R) — Prime Minister Giovanni Goria has resigned for the third time in less than eight months, plunging Italy into a sudden and complex government crisis.

Goria, a Christian Democrat who led Italy's 47th government since World War Two and also became the country's youngest post-war prime minister, had been expected to resign next week to clear the way for a more solidly-based government.

But on Friday he declared bitterly that his position had become untenable following a bitter argument among Italy's coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats, Republicans and Liberals over nuclear power policy.

"We had envisaged a well-balanced itinerary in everybody's interests and in Italy's international interests," Goria said after offering his resignation to President Francesco Cossiga.

"Things have turned out differently from what we imagined and this itinerary has now become impassable."

Goria said a scheduled Spanish-Italian summit in Turin next Tuesday and Wednesday would go ahead unless Spain objected.

Goria, asked by reporters after presenting his resignation to President Francesco Cossiga whether he thought the Socialists had used the nuclear issue as a pretext to provoke a crisis, said: "No, I observe, I don't think any more."

Cossiga asked Goria to stay on as a caretaker premier until formation of a new government.

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Thousands stage march in Khartoum to protest foreign presence in Darfur

KHARTOUM (R) — At least 10,000 Sudanese defied a government ban Saturday to march through Khartoum in protest at the presence of foreign forces in western provinces, witnesses said.

The march followed persistent press reports that the long-running conflict between Libya and Chad had spilled into Sudan, with pro-Libyan militia forces active in the western region of Darfur.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, whose Umma Party has close ties with Libya, has denied the reports, saying all foreign forces have left Darfur.

But Interior Minister Sidahmad Al Hussein, a member of the pro-Egyptian Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), has confirmed the reports. Diplomats believe the split could threaten the unity between the senior and junior partners in Sudan's ruling coalition.

The march was organised by the Committee for the Progress of Darfur. Scores of people have been killed in the mainly desert region in a state of armed robberies blamed partly on the side-

effects of the Chad conflict. The government said Thursday it would ban the protest under emergency powers in force for nearly three years.

But the march began, nearly an hour late, after negotiations between senior police officers and organisers. Protesters, watched by scores of riot police, went to the prime minister's office to present a petition demanding government action before dispersing without incident.

"Foreign presence is a betrayal of the homeland's sovereignty," read one banner. "No life without security and no development without stability," read another carried by the demonstrators, most of them from Darfur.

The march coincided with press reports that Sudan's head of state, Ahmad Ali Al Mirghani, would present a plan to improve ties between Libya and Egypt

during a four-day visit to Tripoli starting Sunday.

Relations between Cairo and Tripoli have been frosty since a brief border war in 1977.

Egypt has viewed with concern Libya's growing prestige in Khartoum since the 1985 ouster of pro-Western President Jaafar Numeiri.

Diplomats say Cairo is particularly worried at reports of Libyan-backed forces in Darfur near its southern border.

The DUP has several times joined opposition politicians in voicing dismay at Umma's ties with Libya.

Al Adwa newspaper said Mirghani would propose a halt to media attacks between Cairo and Tripoli, an end to meddling in each other's affairs and the withdrawal of troops from border areas.

Local newspapers reported Saturday that troops had discovered a huge arms dump in Darfur. They said the weapons were believed to have been hidden in the 1970s by forces opposed to Numeiri's rule.



A Palestinian remonstrates with Israeli soldiers in the Aroub refugee camp in the occupied West Bank to allow people collect bags of food. The food was delivered by Palestinians living in the surrounding area to help residents of Aroub, where a curfew remains in force.

W. German politicians criticise Israeli excesses

BONN (Agencies) — West German politicians Friday criticised excesses by the Israeli army in the occupied territories.

"The Palestinians are the victims of the atrocities the Germans committed against the Jews," Norbert Gansel of the opposition Social Democrats said in an emergency debate Friday.

"German Middle East policy must be pro-Israeli and pro-Palestinian. We should therefore condemn less and help more."

The left-wing Greens Party called the debate to discuss Israeli actions against Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Most West German politicians have been at pains to restrain criticism of the Israeli actions since the uprising started last December.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who has made several trips to the Middle East in a bid to find a peaceful settlement for the region, said Bonn was fully behind the latest U.S. peace initiative and would do all it could to help.

Genscher, currently head of the European Community (EC) council of ministers, condemned a decision this week by the European Parliament to block three EC trade accords with Israel.

But Israel was also wrong in stopping exports from the occupied territories, he said.

Israel Friday angrily rejected the European Parliament condemnation of its actions in the occupied territories.

"The resolution is one-sided, biased and distorts reality," said



Israeli soldiers beat up a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah.

foreign ministry spokesman Ehud Gol.

The European Parliament Thursday issued a statement using words usually reserved for the world's worst tyrannies. The

statement condemned "instances of torture, arbitrary arrests, reprisals, expulsions and all acts of violence committed by the Israeli army" against Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel absent from Cairo fair

CAIRO (R) — Cairo's International Trade Fair opened Saturday with the absence of Israel for the first time since it signed a treaty with Egypt in 1979.

President Hosni Mubarak opened the fair, which in 1986 was the scene of the killing of an Israeli embassy official by a radical group known as "Egypt's Revolution."

Israel's empty pavilion at the fair grounds in northern Cairo was heavily guarded during the opening ceremonies.

An Israeli embassy official in Cairo declined to say why his

country was not participating but anti-Israeli feeling has mounted in Egypt during the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Egyptian prosecutors also recently demanded the death sentence for members of "Egypt's Revolution," including the eldest son of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is exhibiting at the two-week fair for the first time since most of the Arab World cut ties with Egypt because of its treaty with Israel.

ADC asks U.S. to declare Shamir persona non grata

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) said Friday it had asked for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to be put on the U.S. "watch list" and not be allowed to enter the United States as a private citizen.

The committee also filed suit demanding U.S. government documents relating to Shamir's activities as a member of the Stern gang, which staged many terrorist attacks in Palestine under British mandate.

"We believe in the ADC there should be one stand for terrorists, one for friend and foe alike," said Abdeen Jabara, president of the committee. "We believe the U.S. government should have one yardstick."

Shamir is scheduled to visit the United States next week and meet with President Ronald Reagan Wednesday. Even if he were on the watch list, Shamir would not be turned away since he is coming in an official capacity.

The United States last year placed Austrian President Kurt Waldheim on its watch list because of his alleged participation in Nazi war crimes during World War II. U.S. consular officials around the world check the list before issuing visas for visits to the United States.

"The basis for this request rests on the long history and involvement of Shamir as a leader of the infamous Stern gang which was responsible for numerous acts of terrorism," said the ADC's letter to U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, dated Thursday. The Department of Justice has no comment on the letter.

The court petition filed Thursday asked for documents in the possession of the departments of justice, defence and state, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service.

"Shamir's violent opposition of the British forces in Palestine led to his imprisonment on at least two occasions," the court filing said. "Shamir was in charge of organisation and operations of Lehi (the formal name of the Stern group) which had adopted a policy of individual acts of terror."

Jabara said his group wants the documents to back its efforts to have Shamir declared a persona non grata.

"Shamir has never renounced his participation with the above mentioned groups nor has he ever denounced their use of terrorism," the ADC complaint said. "Shamir is legally excludable from entering the United States."

U.S. senators urge Shultz not to pressure Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of conservative U.S. senators have urged Secretary of State George Shultz to refrain from pressuring Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to give up occupied lands for peace with the Arabs.

A letter from the lawmakers, initiated by Republican Chic Hecht, came in response to another letter sent last week by 30 of Israel's firmest Senate supporters to Shamir calling on him to relinquish lands for peace.

The Hecht letter was timed to coincide with Shamir's arrival for talks next week with Shultz and President Ronald Reagan.

"We believe it is the sovereign right of the state of Israel and its leaders alone to determine whether and when Israel should choose to relinquish its land in exchange for agreements with neighbouring countries," the letter said.

"We believe it must be made clear to the prime minister that the nature of the U.S. relationship with Israel will not be affected by his response to any particular peace proposal," it added.

"American support should not be used as a lever to force Israel's leaders to adopt policy which they see as dangerous to the national security of their country, especially when this entails injecting the Soviet Union into the peace process."

Shamir has said he objects to a peace plan formulated by Shultz that calls for talks between Israel and the Arabs on autonomy for

the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Under the Shultz plan, the Soviet Union, as well as China, Britain, and France, would oversee the negotiations.

Shamir, head of the right-wing Likud bloc, wants to keep the occupied lands, contending they are essential to Israel's "security."

Shultz has made clear he will press Shamir for a response to his initiative, and will continue to push ahead for its acceptance. "In light of the volatile situation in Israel at this point, administration officials must be most careful not to say anything which creates the risk of promoting additional violence or discord," the letter said.

The senators also warned that public criticism of Shamir by the United States could be viewed as an attempt to influence the November elections in Israel.

"Any official efforts to affect the elections of another free nation would not be appropriate," the letter said.

Signatures were still being collected, but the Senate is not in session this week and most senators are out of town, Hecht aide Mike Miller said. A draft letter with five signatures was sent to Shultz Friday and an official letter with additional signatures will be sent Monday or Tuesday, he said.

Those who already signed are: William Armstrong, Jesse Helms, David Karnes and Steven Symms.

UNDP-Israel agreement angers Arabs

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The administrator of the U.N. Development Programme (UNDP), William Draper, was asked by Algeria to postpone a visit this week because of Arab unhappiness over an agreement between the UNDP and Israel, U.N. and Arab sources said Friday.

Under the accord, signed here last month, Israel will provide technical assistance to African states which request it, with the UNDP acting as intermediary. Israel already provides similar aid to a number of countries on a bilateral basis.

Arab U.N. representatives met privately Friday to discuss the agreement and to draft a letter to the UNDP.

A U.N. source said Arab diplomats might not have been aware of the accord with Israel related only to countries that come under UNDP's African regional bureau, which does not include the nine Arab states of Africa. A separate UNDP bureau covers all the Arab countries.

Draper, a U.S. citizen, is in Morocco for a meeting of UNDP resident representatives from the Arab region.

He recently also visited Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia and was to have spent Wednesday and Thursday in Algeria but was advised by the government to come some other time, the sources said.

Sadat's brother may face confiscation of property

CAIRO (AP) — A prosecutor charged Saturday that Anwar Sadat's brother and other relatives had used the slain president's name "to ruin the country" and should lose their property as punishment.

Esmat Sadat, already convicted of using his brother's position to enrich himself during Sadat's 11 years in office, protested vigorously that the prosecution was sulling the fallen president's name.

The exchange occurred when the ethics court, which considers corruption cases, began hearings to decide whether assets of Esmat Sadat, three sons and seven other family members should be confiscated. The property, estimated at 18 million pounds (\$8.2 million), was put under sequestration in 1983 after the defendants' convictions.

The convictions were for influence peddling, black marketeering, bribery and other charges. Esmat Sadat and three sons were sentenced to one-year prison terms, and all the defendants had their assets sequestered.

As the prosecution presented its case Saturday, blaming Sadat's relatives for "ruining the country," Esmat stood and objected to bringing his brother's name into the proceedings.

"The prosecution insists on using the name of the late leader," Esmat said loudly from the third row of benches where he had been sitting near Galal Sadat, one of his sons.

"His name should not be used

as a (prosecution) tool," he said, looking shaken.

Sayed Abdul Baky, president of the seven-man tribunal, admonished Esmat not to interrupt the proceedings and said such comments would be heard at the end of the hearing.

"We are only glorifying the name of the late president," said assistant prosecutor Mohsen Mahmoud. "At the centre of this case is the exploitation of the late president's name."

He cited examples of the defendants' use of the family name to win government contracts outside bureaucratic channels required of most private citizens.

The late president, killed by extremists Oct. 6, 1981, was absolved of any wrongdoing in Esmat's earlier trial.

In 1983, an appeals court upheld the ethics court verdict, saying: "The acts committed by Esmat Sadat and his family do not detract from the purity and integrity of the late President Sadat, and the dossier of the case is devoid of anything indicating he knew of these acts."

Mahmoud also claimed that two of Esmat Sadat's sons have attempted to obtain money illegally even while their goods were sequestered.

"They are still doing wrong acts, and confiscation is the only way to stop them. If the money returns to them, it will be more dangerous than before," he said.

All but 700,000 pounds (\$314,000) worth of possessions, including cars, apartments and houses, were sequestered in 1983.

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WHAT'S GOING ON	
TODAY'S EVENTS	
EXHIBITIONS	
★ Art exhibition by Mahmoud Taha at Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts (runs through 14/3/1988).	
★ Book exhibition at the Comprehensive Commercial Centre (Tower Building), Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle (permanent).	
★ Exhibition entitled "La terre entre vos mains" at the French Cultural Centre (until March 17).	
★ Islamic book exhibition at Yarmouk University in Irbid (until March 14).	
★ Exhibition of photos about Woodcuts and typesetting in Germany at Mu'ta University in Karak (until March 15).	
★ Book exhibition at Arabian Club, Irbid (runs through March 17).	
★ "Fifth Caricature Exhibition," works of the late Naji Al Ali at Hussein Camp Youth Activities Centre.	
★ General book exhibition at the Professional Associations Complex in Shmeisani.	
JAZZ	
★ Jazz concert by the Trio Claude Barthelemy troupe at 7:30 p.m. at the Amman Baccalaureate School.	
VIDEOS	
★ "Videos about environment at the French Cultural Centre (until March 15).	
CULTURAL CENTRES	
Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 6610267	
American Centre .. 644371	
British Council .. 6341478	
French Cultural Centre .. 637009	
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Turkish Cultural Centre .. 639777	

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09:15	Aqaba (RJ)
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09:55	Doha, Bahrain (RJ)
10:00	Sana'a (RJ)
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11:00	London (RJ)
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12:10	Rome (AZ)
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14:40	Jeddah (SV)
15:00	Kuwait (KU)
16:30	Baghdad (IA)
17:20	Athens (OA)
20:00	Sana'a (LH)
21:50	Cairo (MS)
MONEY EXCHANGE	
Local selling rates in Jds	
Belgian franc	95.9 / 97.6
Dutch guilder	178.5 / 181.7
French franc	59.2 / 60.2
Italian lira	27.2 / 27.6
Japanese yen (for 100)	261.4 / 266.1
Swedish crown	36.5 / 37.4
Swiss franc	242.6 / 246.8
U.K. sterling pound	614.1 / 625.8
U.S. dollar	335.3 / 340.3
W. German mark	300.5 / 340
PRAYER TIMES	
04:27	Fajr
05:45	Dhuhr (Summer)
11:45	Dhuhr
15:00	Asr
17:40	Maghreb
19:04	Isha
WEATHER	
Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.	
The weather will be partly cloudy with chances of scattered rains in the northern areas. The winds will be southwesterly freshening and temperature becoming gradually normal. In Aqaba, the winds will be northerly and slightly rough seas.	
Min./max. temp.	
Amman	20 / 22
Aqaba	12 / 23
Deserts	3 / 15
Jordan Valley	7 / 21
Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 40.6, Aqaba 21.8. Humidity readings: Amman 26 per cent, Aqaba 28 per cent.	

USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.	
EMERGENCIES	
Amman governorate .. 891228	AMMAN:
Amman Civil Defence .. 198, 199	Dr. Othman Mustafa .. 774024
Civil Defence Irbid .. 271293, 27131	Dr. Sami Zaghool .. 638591
Civil Defence Qadisiyah .. 894788	Dr. Ramzi Mezawa .. 784788
Civil Defence Deir Alla .. 57306	Dr. Walid Yacoub .. 94851
Ambulance .. 193, 775111	First aid .. 783536
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Police .. 636300	Al Asma pharmacy .. 637025
Police headquarters .. 632030	Al Asma pharmacy .. 637025
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Traffic police .. 636300	Al Asma pharmacy .. 637025
Electric Power Co. .. 636381/4, 624881	Al Asma pharmacy .. 637025
Municipal waste .. 771258	Al Asma pharmacy .. 637025
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Hussein Medical Centre .. 813813/32	AMMAN:
Khalid Maternity, J. Amn .. 642816	Dr. Othman Mustafa .. 774024
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Jabal Amman Maternity .. 642432	Dr. Ramzi Mezawa .. 784788
Malles, J. Amman .. 636140	Dr. Walid Yacoub .. 94851
Palestine, Shmeisani .. 664174	First aid .. 783536
Shmeisani Hospital .. 669131	First aid .. 783536
University Hospital .. 845845/65	First aid .. 783536
Al-Mustashfi Hospital .. 667271/7	First aid .. 783536
The Islamic, Abdali .. 661271/7	First aid .. 783536
Al-Ahli, Abdali .. 664164/6	First aid .. 783536
Italian, Al-Muhajreen .. 771112/8	First aid .. 783536
Al-Basrah, J. Ashrafieh .. 775112/8	First aid .. 783536
Army, Marja .. 631611/15	First aid .. 783536

KHAYAT RETURNS: Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Khayat returned from Egypt after taking part in the Islamic Research Academy conference which ended in Cairo on March 8.

TALKS WITH FAO: Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dahiyeh Saturday discussed with a visiting delegation from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), on cooperation between the ministry and the organisation in water and irrigation fields. Discussions also covered joint projects especially the project for exploiting waste water in agriculture in Kherbit Al Samra area.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: The Lower House of Parliament's Agricultural Committee Saturday discussed a report on the demands of farmers and poultry farmers in the Jordan Valley area. The committee will also hold a meeting Sunday to discuss a number of issues related to the agricultural sector in the country.

RELIGIOUS SEMINAR: The Jordanian-Pakistani Friendship Society and the University of Jordan's Islamic Cultural Centre will organise a religious seminar Monday at the university on the occasion of Al-Isra' Wal-Miraj (the anniversary marking Prophet Mohammad's nocturnal journey and ascension to heaven). The anniversary falls on Wednesday.

FORUM HUMANUM: The Jordanian chapter of Forum Humanum will hold a meeting Sunday at the University of Jordan during which the General Assembly members will discuss steps for transforming the optional forum into a pan-Arab forum. This will enable youths from Arab countries to join the forum's membership and to take part into its various activities.

ZAWAIDEH: Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh Saturday received separately the Lebanese, Omani and Syrian ambassadors in Amman and reviewed with them bilateral relations and technical cooperation especially in construction fields.

HAMMOURI: Minister of Culture and National Heritage Dr. Mohammad Al Hammouri Saturday met separately with the Lebanese Ambassador in Amman Pierre Ziadeh and Spanish Ambassador in Amman Ramon Arnegod and discussed with them cultural cooperation.

RESTAURANTS CLOSED: Four restaurants and a poultry meat store in Deir Abi Sa'id will be closed upon orders from district governor Mahmoud Al Sari for their violations of public safety regulations. Local authorities also destroyed an unspecified quantities of foodstuffs they found unfit for human consumption.

RADIO PROGRAMMES: The Ministry of Education has temporarily suspended school programmes by radio for technical reasons. A ministry official said that the suspension will last until March 29.

DERMATOLOGISTS: Invitations have been sent out to Arab dermatologists to attend a general conference in Amman in September 1988. The Jordanian Dermatologists Society, which is sponsoring the conference, said that teaching medicine in Arabic will be among the main topics for discussion.

VINE SAPLINGS: Deir Alla Agricultural Station announced that it has new stocks of vine, apple and pear saplings and urged farmers to buy these saplings which will be sold at nominal prices.

FIRST AID COURSE: A week-long training course on first aid, organised by the Jordan National Red Crescent Society, ended in Amman Saturday. Thirty-two students from government schools in Amman took part in the course, which was held in cooperation with the Civil Defence Department.

PEOPLE'S ARMY: Another batch of People's Army recruits graduated from a training centre at Qoura district in northern Jordan Valley region. The recruits were trained in the use of light arms and first aid operations.

MUTA UNIVERSITY: Mu'ta University will take part in a seminar entitled "The Arab Researcher," which will open in Syria Monday. Dr. Anwar Abu Sweilam will represent Mu'ta University at the three-day seminar.

IRBID TOURISM: Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni met in Irbid Saturday with Governor Akram Al Nasir and discussed the tourism situation in the Irbid Governorate. They also reviewed the "Yamouk Panorama" project and the establishment of a hotel in the city of Irbid.

NEW ROAD: A road linking Zara with Ghor Haditha in the southern Jordan Valley region will be completed before the end of 1988, according to Public Works Ministry Secretary General Khalaf Huwari. He made the announcement during an inspection tour of the road which runs along the Dead Sea shores.

MEDICAL CONFERENCE: The Jordanian Medical Association (JMA) has set up an executive committee for the sixth Jordanian medical conference which will be held in September. The 14-member committee which comprises doctors and specialists from the private and public sectors said that early diagnosis of cancer, blood diseases and antibiotics will be among the main topics of discussion at the coming conference.

BAR ASSOCIATION: The Jordanian Bar Association held its annual meeting at the Professional Association Complex in Amman Friday and endorsed 11 amendments to the association's statutes, and reviewed reports about the 1987 activities.

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS: The Jordanian Agricultural Engineers Association is holding its general assembly meeting in Amman on March 25 to elect a new board for the coming 3 years. A meeting which was scheduled for March 11 was cancelled due to lack of quorum, according to a report in Al Ra'i Arabic daily.

BUILDINGS: Specifications of buildings and the preparation of a questionnaire for obtaining statistics and information on housing and construction material will be on the Arab Housing and Reconstruction Ministers Council meeting, due to convene in Tunis March 23.

Shakaa says civil law referred to parliament

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Justice Riad Al Shakaa said in a statement published in Al Dustour Arabic daily that the new Jordanian civil law has been referred to parliament, which will debate it in full before it can be adopted.

Shakaa also announced that the Ministry of Justice has acquired a plot of land in the Independence Street where it will set up a Palace of Justice (the main court buildings) in place of the building downtown, and has allocated sufficient funds for the project.

The ministry has opened first instance courts in Aqaba, Tafleh and Mafrq, and peace courts in six other towns of the Kingdom, the minister added.

He said that the Ministry of Justice is making preparations for opening a training institute for judges and legal advisors employed in public organisations.

Shakaa also announced that Jordan will take part in the April 2-5 Arab Justice Ministers Council meeting in Kuwait which will discuss unification of Arab countries' legislations on civil registration and real estate among other subjects.

Firm to study linking national grids of Jordan and Egypt

AMMAN (J.T.) — A French firm has won a tender to conduct a feasibility study on linking the national grids of Egypt and Jordan, and work on this study was expected to be completed in seven months from now, according to the deputy director of the Egyptian Electricity Corporation Hani Al Shaer.

He expected the project to take three years to complete once it won the approval of the Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee which originally suggested it.

"Linking the national grids of Egypt and Jordan would mean exchanging the distribution and supply of electric power for the benefit of both sides," Shaer explained.

But he declined to give any figures about the total cost of the project, and said that figures will be specified in a final statement on the feasibility study.



Jordan National Red Crescent Society President Ahmad Abu Qoura receives Bulgarian Red Cross Society delegation in Amman Saturday (Petra photo)

Abu Qoura holds talks with Bulgarian Red Cross team

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation representing the Bulgarian Red Cross Society (BRCS) met here Saturday with the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) President Ahmad Abu Qoura and voiced the Bulgarian people's support for the Arab struggle against Israeli occupation, and for the Arab nation's endeavours to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

The delegation, comprising BRCS President Kiril Ignatov and his assistant Alexander Marinov, paid tribute to the JNRCS's contribution to promote the cause of peace and to carry out its humanitarian mission.

Ignatov called for an end to the Gulf war which he said has been sapping the Iraqi and Iranian economic resources.

Ignatov also warned against the danger of nuclear and chemical weapons and underlined the importance of the role played by Red Crescent and Red Cross societies in serving humanitarian causes.

The Bulgarian delegation, which arrived here Friday, were taken on visits to Al Hilal Hospital run by JNRCS, a vocational training centre for women and a JNRCS youth centre at Tlaa Al Ali.

DLDNA to hold book festival for children Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) — A children's book festival is to be held Saturday in Amman under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, as part of national activities on children's literature in Jordan.

The festival, which is being organised in cooperation with the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives (DLDNA), aims to orient the public on publications and other

material to help in raising and educating children psychologically and socially, according to DLDNA Director General Ahmad Sharkas.

Sharkas said the festival will include a children's book corner for all ages — books dealing with childhood in Arabic and English, computers for children, children's toys and educational aids and an exhibition of children's drawings.

Masri to head Jordan's team to 17th OIC meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The government has formed Jordan's delegation to the Organisation of Islamic Conference's (OIC) 17th foreign minister's meeting which will open in Amman on March 21.

The delegation, which will be headed by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, will group senior officials from the Foreign Ministry, and a number of Jordanian ambassadors as well as representatives of various ministries and government departments.

The Foreign Ministry's Secretary General Nabih Al Nimer

announced Friday that preparations were under way for the five day conference, which is expected to be attended by all members in the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

The uprising in the occupied Arab territories, the Gulf war and other issues of concern to the Arab and Islamic World will be discussed by the conference, Nimer said.

He said that his department has received no notification from any Islamic country declining attendance.

Ministry campaigns among children for dental care

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Health's Dental Department has carried out a major campaign to spread awareness among school children about the need to care for their teeth, the department's Director Ghaleb Oweis said.

He said that the campaign aimed to point out the consequences of neglecting to clean the teeth, a phenomenon that was spreading among children in Jordan and damaging their health.

Teams of dentists from the department gave lectures at schools, explaining means of cleaning teeth and the need for children to have their teeth checked from time to time to

ensure safety, Oweis said. He urged school teachers to contribute to this campaign by providing further advice to their students.

The Ministry of Health also announced that a training course on health education was starting Saturday.

It said that teachers at the primary and preparatory stages will be oriented on means of spreading awareness among children on ways to protect their teeth, on sound means of nourishment and the consequences of smoking.

At least 50 teachers are taking part in the two-day course.

Hmoud departs to Oman for agricultural conference

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud left for Muscat, Oman, at the head of a Jordanian delegation, to take part in a regional conference organised by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

The five-day conference, which opened Saturday, will discuss subjects related to FAO activities and programmes carried out last year, means of supporting agricultural development program-

mes in Third World countries, and a number of related topics.

The Jordanian delegation groups the directors of the Agricultural Marketing Organisation, and the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

An announcement by the Ministry of Agriculture Saturday said that a committee has been formed by Hmoud to lay down training programmes for veterinarians, engineers and agricultural technicians employed by the ministry.

Budget Rent A Car Int. Amman linked to worldwide computer

Budget Rent A Car has made a large investment to link with the "BRACNET NETWORK." This will greatly improve the service to the customer permitting bookings within seconds.

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This growth has resulted from

the company's policy of being "COMMITTED TO THE CUSTOMER," first class service linked with very competitive rates. The company has an inclusive deal with Royal Jordanian Airline "FLY AND DRIVE." It plans to open a car rental office at the airport. This will further improve the services to the customers, which will be equal to that anywhere in the world.

Ministry holds contacts to acquire land for Arab Hospital of Jerusalem

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Health Ministry is holding contacts and consultations with different concerned parties, for acquiring a 50-dunum piece of land at Beit Hanina, in the outskirts of Arab Jerusalem, for setting up the projected Arab Hospital of Jerusalem, Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh announced Saturday.

In a statement to the Al Ra'i and the Jordan Times, the minister said the subject of the Jerusalem hospital will be tackled by the Arab Health Ministers Council during its meeting in Amman early next month.

The Israeli authorities three years ago seized the Hospice Hospital in Arab Jerusalem and closed it down, claiming that it can no more serve its purpose, thus depriving the local Arab residents of medical services and forcing them to seek such facilities at Israeli hospitals.

The Health Ministry had since then carried out relentless efforts to secure help from Arab countries for building a new hospital in occupied Jerusalem.

Last December, Hamzeh announced that preparations were underway for establishing the hospital and that JD 50,000 from Jordan and \$150,000 from the World Health Organisation (WHO) have been secured for the project.

The projected hospital, according to the minister, will have 150 beds and will possess all essential and modern equipment and medical requirements, as well as a qualified staff of doctors and nurses.

He said that an Arab health society is currently involved in raising contributions and supervising preparatory work for this project.

At the WHO conference, last May, Hamzeh approached friendly delegations, and a Vatican representative, to help exert pressure on Israel to issue a licence for the hospital, the first to be built in the Arab territories since the 1967 occupation.

Until last December the Israelis had not yet responded to the licence request, according to the minister.

Nearly 70 per cent of the Arab population of Jerusalem are not medically insured, and 50 per cent of them cannot afford private medical treatment, according to a Health Ministry official.

man doctors after Libya which last month sent a team in Amman and selected more than 100 doctors to be employed in Libyan cities.

Over the past two years, the Health Ministry was able to find employment for Jordanian doctors at Ministry of Health's centres; and in cooperation with the Jordanian Medical Association, has established special funds offering assistance to those wishing to open clinics in rural and remote regions of the Kingdom.

Doctors' salaries in N. Yemen Hamzeh said he will discuss the question of salaries for Jordanian physicians employed in North Yemen, during a visit to Jordan by the North Yemeni health minister towards the end of March.

The minister said that between 160 and 170 Jordanian physicians and nearly 100 specialists will be employed in North Yemen, and a date is yet to be fixed for the first batch of these doctors to leave for Sana'a.

Hamzeh said he invited his North Yemeni counterpart to visit Jordan, to discuss questions related to medical cooperation between the two countries.

North Yemen will be the second Arab country to conclude contracts for employing Jordanian doctors after Libya which last month sent a team in Amman and selected more than 100 doctors to be employed in Libyan cities.

He said the creation of a national training institute for Ministry of Health teachers and nurses, and the revision and expansion of training curricula, will strengthen the quality of Jordan's nursing profession and enhance the primary health care being delivered to mothers and children.

Two U.S. private voluntary agencies, Save the Children Federation and the Catholic Relief Services, will participate in the development of this programme.

Hamzeh, who underlined the need for this programme, for Jordan during Saturday's meeting, had said that the Health Ministry spends JD 60 million annually on promoting and improving health services in the country.

The minister, at a meeting held here last month for doctors and specialists to promote the primary health programmes, said that Jordan was cooperating with the World Health Organisation (WHO) in this respect, and has gone a long way towards providing health services for all citizens in Jordan by the year 2000.

The project entails a program-



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh receives a U.S. technical team in Amman Saturday (Petra photo)



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Muffle the real terrorist

IT is regrettable that as efforts are being exerted to prod the Shultz-Mideast peace plan, the U.S. government has decided to close the PLO mission to the United Nations in New York. This unfortunate step could not have occurred at a worst time, in view of Jordan's attempts to promote a common Arab strategy which would assure the PLO's participation in the projected negotiations. This is not the kind of message or the kind of supportive action that the Shultz peace plan urgently awaits, especially at this critical juncture when it faces an uphill battle against Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's open rejection of the plan. One can certainly see the sinister hands of Israel at work in this latest U.S. decision to set in motion the legal procedures to silence the voice of the PLO at the U.N. Israel and its supporters in the U.S. have always conspired to frustrate efforts to include the PLO in peace efforts in the Middle East. It is noteworthy that George Shultz himself has described this blatantly illegal decision by Washington as a serious blow to his peace efforts in this region of the world.

If forces hostile to the Shultz plan succeed in aborting his peace mission in the Middle East, the U.S. Congress would have to share the blame for future calamities which are sure to follow if the Palestinian people are not granted their national rights.

Whatever happened to the voice of reason, expressed only few days ago by the 30 U.S. senators who openly criticised Shamir and his Likud Party for rejecting the foundation on which the Shultz plan rests?

What we see here is the classic American double-standard at work: One morality for the world, another for the Palestinians. It stinks of a brand of erratic morality found in unusually large concentrations in American public officials. If the Congress were so concerned about giving terrorists a platform in the United States, the first thing it should do is stop Shamir's visit to Washington — or serve Ronald Reagan with an arrest warrant for being an accomplice to terror, for meeting with Shamir and giving him \$3 billion a year. It seems that where the U.S., Israel, Palestinians and terror are concerned, there is only irrationality, and cheapness — from sea to shining sea.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Joint action

KING Hussein's talks in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak serve as another step towards consolidating joint Arab action. The talks in Cairo which followed the King's meetings with the leaders of Syria, Kuwait and Iraq should contribute effectively towards opening the road before the Arab leaders to translate their solidarity into joint action to face the common challenges that threaten the Arab Nation. Solidarity among Arab countries is in need of further development in view of the dangers confronting the Arabs; and in need of joint action in accordance with carefully laid plans. There is no doubt that the Arab leadership realises now that such joint action is needed to put an end to Israel's crimes in the occupied Arab territory, and to force Israel to accept the idea of an international conference which can and should bring about a genuine peace to the Middle East, a peace that would liberate the Palestinian land from occupation and return the usurped rights. The Arab leadership ought to help the Palestinians under Israeli rule to step up their struggle for freedom and should take other essential steps to ensure their rights. The common Arab struggle should crown all these efforts and should be the climax of joint action so that this nation can deter the Israeli aggressors from pursuing their inhuman practices against our brothers in the occupied territories.

Al Dustour: King pursues unified stand

THE King's visit to Cairo on Friday and his talks with President Hosni Mubarak fall within the context of inter-Arab diplomatic efforts designed to unify Arab stands during this critical stage and as the Middle East continues to witness a flurry of diplomatic activity towards peace. Consultations among Arab leaders is an urgent matter also because of the current Arab uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. A unified stand and joint action is also needed with regard to the latest U.S. secretary of state's proposals for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict. Coordinated efforts should be made by Arab leaders before a final reply can be sent to Washington about this latest initiative and cooperation should be maintained to enable the Palestinians to pursue the struggle for freedom. The Arabs ought to think of effective measures to extend a hand to their brothers who are now facing oppression and to back their efforts. The King's consultations with Arab leaders are therefore needed at this decisive stage as they clearly aim at helping the nation to achieve its objectives.

Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan pursues unified stand

KING Hussein's talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo reaffirmed the Jordanian-Egyptian joint diplomatic moves for resolving the Middle East issue. Jordan played host to the Amman Arab summit last November which formulated a unified Arab stand and displayed consensus and agreement among Arab countries on all issues of concern to their nation. The summit also corroborated the Arab Nation's solidarity and enhanced its steadfastness in the face of Israel's policies. In every Arab and foreign capital visited by the King, talks revolved on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf war; and everywhere, the King has been advocating the need for an international conference that can find a just and lasting solution to the Middle East problem. Jordan has also reaffirmed its welcome of any serious and genuine diplomatic effort for promoting the cause of peace and has seen in the latest American ideas another chance for embarking on the process of peace. No doubt, the uprising in the occupied Arab territory had served as a catalyst for the American move but the Arabs have to join forces if any constructive achievement is to be realised.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Uprising highlights Israel's economic vulnerability

DURING 1987, the Israeli economy performed its best in many years. At the end of the year it was hit by an uprising that politician never expected and economists never taken into account.

Israeli economy was responding positively to a package of policies adopted three years ago, and implemented by the coalition government.

According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), the gross domestic product (GDP) grew at 27 per cent in current prices, or 4.6 per cent in real terms. The consumer price index (CPI) rose by only 16.1 per cent compared to 44.5 in 1984, 18.6 in 1985, and 19.7 in 1986. This means that hyperinflation was cured and replaced by a rather high but ordinary inflation rate. Israeli exports of commodities rose in 1987 by 18.5 per cent in terms of dollars to reach \$8.2 billion. The Israeli shekkel (IS) achieved a relative stability. Its value declined during 1987 against the dollar by only seven per cent.

All these were indicators of an improving economy. That is why the uprising was so painful, as it foiled this improvement: Taxes collected from the occupied territories dropped by 50 per cent, Israeli exports to the area declined by 40 per cent, foreign tourism to Israel fell by 30 to 40 per cent, the construction sector lost 40 per cent of its cheap labour, and agriculture lost 55 per cent of its working force. The European Parliament rejected three economic financial and trade treaties with Israel. Other consequences of the uprising are still to come.

However, the improvement in Israel's economic indicators during 1987 should not blind us from seeing the crucial structural weaknesses of that economy.

The Israeli economy is plagued by a sickness similar to that suffered by oil economies. It gives an illusion of prosperity and indicates an artificial rise in the standard of living, based on an external source of revenue, which is neither stable nor sustainable.

Like oil economies, Israel can, for some time, consume and invest 15.5 per cent more than its gross national product. For the same reason Israel can import goods and services equal to 137.5 per cent of its exports. The structural deficit is in the order of 15.6 per cent.

The tangible production, agriculture, manufacturing and construction, contributed 39.7 per cent only. Such low percentage, can be seen only in a very advanced economy or in an economy dependent on external support. It is obvious that the Israeli economy falls under the latter.

The Israeli economy is dominated by the external sector. Foreign trade is as high as 100 per cent of gross GDP. This is an indicator of vulnerability and exposure to unpredictable external influences.

Israel exports 41.6 per cent of its domestic products, and depends on imports to the extent of 57.2 per cent.

Israeli exports are not diversified. Out of \$8.2 billion in exports, machinery and equipment assembled in Israel make 26 per cent and polished diamond 20 per cent. The share of agricultural products on the other hand is down to seven per cent only.

The deficit in the Israeli commodity balance of trade reached \$3.2 billion or 10 per cent of GDP. This is a huge deficit which could not go on indefinitely had it not been for extensive American aid which allowed Israel to live far beyond its own means.

We have also to point out the important fact that most Israeli exports are actually re-exports. The value of the imported raw diamond amounted to 90 per cent of the exported polished diamonds; and the value of imported parts, components, and steel amounted to 61 per cent of the exported machinery and equipment. All this shows that the value-added in the Israeli exports is extremely low.

Israeli trade partners are very limited. One solid third of the Israeli exports go to the United States alone, and over 40 per cent go to the European Community (EC). Israel is thus under the mercy of two trade partners which are giving Israel a preference and exceptionally favourable treatment, that may not continue for ever. Only days ago the European Parliament rejected three economic treaties with Israel in protest for of Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising.

Perhaps the weakest point in the Israeli economy is the distance that separates Israel from the world where it belongs. Geographically Israel is in the Middle East while politically and commercially it lies in the Atlantic Ocean, somewhere between the United States in the West and the EC in the East.

Finally, we have to touch on the gross mismanagement of the Israeli economy which was always a chaos, supervised by economically irresponsible administration. Only the military establishment was well organised and efficiently run. Even this establishment was doomed by the recent uprising, which reduced the so-called Israeli defence forces (IDF) into riot police, to terrorise "second degree citizens" in a racist state.

Turkish woman labour minister to draw on union past

By John Owen-Davies
Reporter

ANKARA — Trade union officials brought up in a tough male-orientated society wait impassively outside the office of Turkey's first democratically-elected woman cabinet minister, knowing they can expect a sympathetic hearing.

"Sympathy" and "democracy" are words that new Labour Minister Imren Aykut, 47, a trade unionist for two decades, uses often.

She was appointed by conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal last December at a time of increased union calls for the removal of restrictions imposed on them by the army after the 1980 coup.

Aykut, who wants to review some laws and constitutional provisions related to unions, relies heavily on her experience and background in trade union work, which sources say makes her the best-equipped labour minister since modern Turkey was founded in 1923.

"I have been approaching both sides (employers and workers) with great sympathy and goodwill and I am quite ready to assist them in all sorts of matters," she told Reuters.

"I am a person who believes deeply in democracy... It is my aim to achieve a reasonable and constant working peace in this country," she said.

"I am supporting the fair demands of the unions and trying to solve issues in the best possible manner."

"Since I have an expertise in trade union life I can easily understand their wishes and demands. I can also judge their fair and unfair demands," she added.

Development of trade unionism in Turkey, which has applied for full membership of the European Community, is being monitored closely by the Geneva-based International Labour Organisation.

"One of my aims is to try to maintain a constant dialogue with the trade unions and employers... I believe I should be quite successful in solving my problems through this policy," Aykut said.

Labour sources say Aykut is on good terms with Sevtet Yilmaz, chairman of the Turk-Is confederation which groups about two million of Turkey's estimated three million trade union members.

Born in the southern Turkish city of Adana in 1941, Aykut studied U.S. arbitration and mediation methods after leaving Istanbul University in 1964 and specialised in worker-employer relations at Oxford University in Britain.

She worked with the Turkish mine workers' syndicate, the textile union and at a bottle and glass factory before becoming secretary general of the paper industry employers' syndicate.

A member of the Turkey's consultative assembly after the 1980 coup, she was elected to parliament for the National Democracy Party in the military-supervised 1983 election.

When the party was dissolved, Aykut joined Ozal's Motherland Party and last November was one of six women elected to the 450-seat parliament.

Aykut sees the appointment of a woman cabinet minister as a natural part of democracy.

"Democracy is not only for the male members of society. It is for the whole society, therefore ladies should take part, an active part, in democratic life," she said.

The appointment of a woman as labour minister is a positive thing. It ensures a softer approach to problems," said Halit Narin, president of the employers' confederation Tisk.



Wall writing: A guide to political happenings

By Nicolas B. Tatro
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Graffiti, the ubiquitous wall writing spray painted on mosques, schools and shops, is a guide to political happenings in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

From the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem to the farmlands of Gaza, the walls are a bulletin board for political groups to proclaim their ideologies and issue public appeals.

"Let the Gaza Strip be in flames for Shultz," said a wall in Gaza city shortly before the recent Middle East shuttle of U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

A slogan in black paint on the wall of the Beit Al May refugee camp in the West Bank declared: "Disgrace will face collaborators. Glory to our heroic martyrs."

It was signed by the United

National Leadership of the Uprising, a name used by supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

A more religious tone was struck nearby: "Paradise for our martyrs" and "God is great. Victory to Islam."

This was signed by Hamas, Arabic for zeal, the signature of the Muslim Brotherhood, a fundamentalist Sunni Muslim group that opposes PLO support for a negotiated settlement.

"Islam is the solution and the alternative," said a slogan signed by the "Islamic resistance," also believed to be the work of Muslim brothers.

In travels through the occupied territories, a reporter saw other wall declarations signed by Shaabiya, of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Democra, of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

On the Mount of Olives, writing on a wall declared "Palestinian-Arab solidarity lives on."

This slogan is a rarity because sentiment in the West Bank and Gaza has been strongly against Arab states.

The feeling is that Arab states have failed to support the rebellion against Israeli occupation and some fear that the revolutionary fervour will cross its borders.

Some wall-writing has called for specific action, such as ones in Gaza that demanded the resignation of Arab tax collectors.

"Arab employees of the income tax and value added department must resign. Otherwise we will..." said the warning in downtown Gaza city.

Forty tax workers quit their jobs as directed, and new graffiti written in blue spray paint replaced the old: "Yes, yes for the

step taken by our honourable brothers in resigning from the tax department..."

Moderates have also come in for a pounding on the walls, which tend to reflect more hard-line views.

"Down with Hanna Shinora and Fayed Abu Rahme," declared a slogan attacking the two Palestinians who met with Shultz in Washington last month.

Israel's army has periodically tried to censor the wall writing. In Nablus, a reporter saw Arab prisoners watched by armed Israeli soldiers use black paint to blot out slogans such as "Death to Israel."

The political graffiti has also spread to Israel, where the division between left and right is played out on the walls of the beachfront *tayellet*, or promenade in Tel Aviv.

Gibraltar killings spark fresh shoot-to-kill row

By Peter Gregson
Reporter

LONDON — The shooting of three unarmed Irish nationalists in Gibraltar by undercover British troops has sparked fresh controversy over "shoot-to-kill" tactics.

The Irish Republican Army (IRA) admitted the three were members on "active service," a euphemism for guerrillas plotting or conducting acts of violence.

Their killing last Sunday by men in jeans carrying pistols was hailed at first by government and opposition as a victory in the war against the IRA.

But it stirred growing disquiet in Ireland and Britain over the licence-to-kill apparently carried by the anti-terrorist arm of the Special Air Services (SAS) unit thought responsible.

Left-wing member of parliament Eric Heffer caused a storm Thursday when he got 60 other Labour members to sign a motion seeking an enquiry and denouncing the shooting as an act of terrorism "tantamount to capital punishment without trial."

The ruling Conservative Party called the motion irresponsible, and refused a debate on the matter.

The Labour Party initially praised the "well-planned" operation. But by Friday an opposi-

tion spokesman said the government must explain why the three were not arrested and whether it was known they were unarmed.

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told parliament the guerrillas when challenged "made movements which led the military personnel... to conclude that their own lives and the lives of others were under threat. In the light of this response."

Heffer told Reuters he had widespread backing and his stand had brought a flood of letters in support: "I've even had a letter from a former SAS man saying I'm right. There's no place in the British army for death squads."

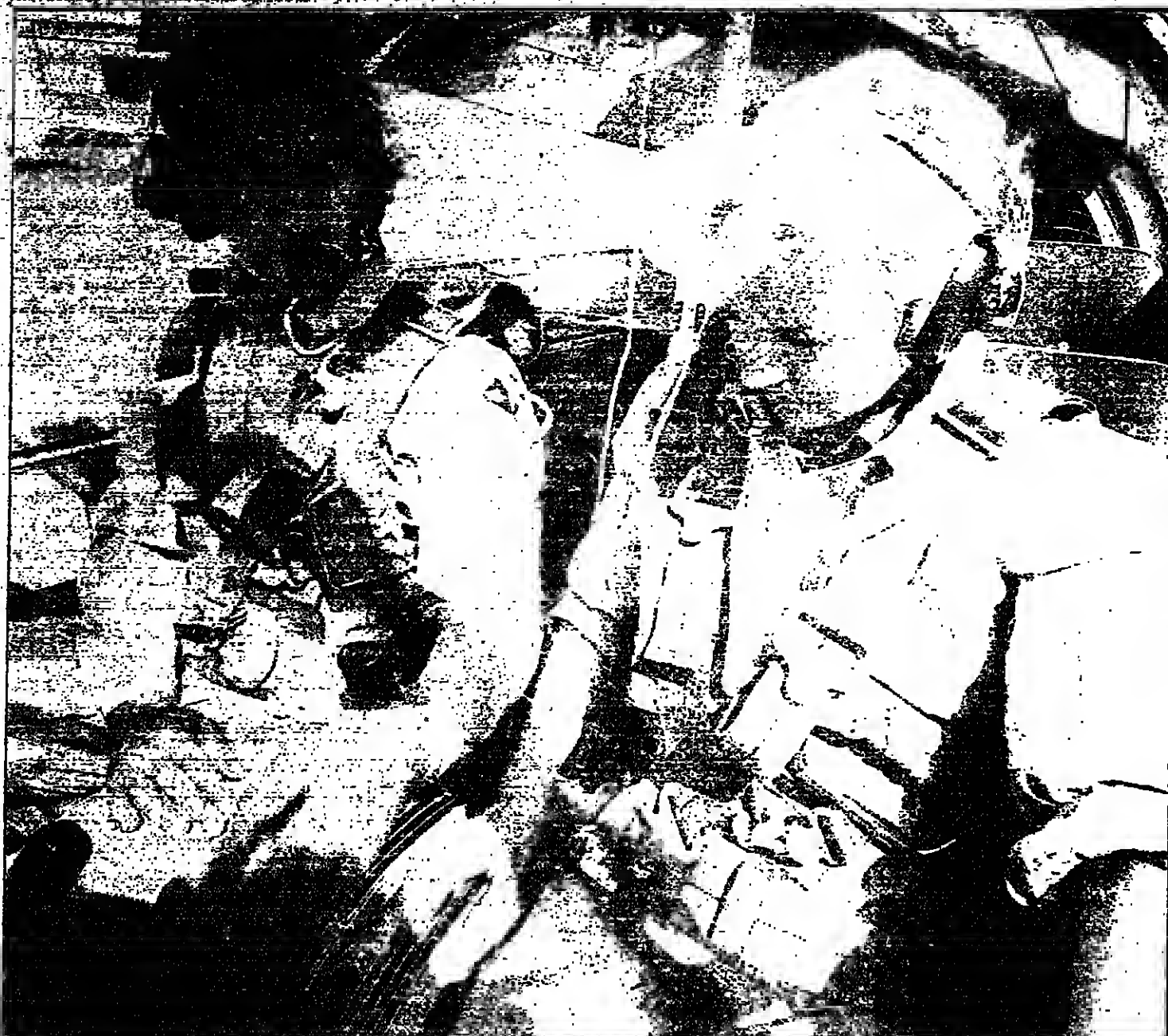
Social Democratic Party leader David Owen said: "You cannot have a licence to kill."

The government will only say that those involved were military personnel. But it has not denied reports that it was the SAS, elite troops with the motto "Who Dares, Wins."

The operation carried all the hallmarks of the SAS: Accurate intelligence, weeks of painstaking supervision, a swift and bloody resolution.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher defended the action and ruled out an inquiry, although the Gibraltar coroner will hold an inquest to decide whether it amounted to "lawful killing."

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Don't push, we are partners

After a visit to Stockholm, Najwa Najjar assesses women's role in Swedish society

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — In spite of all the laws implemented in Sweden guaranteeing women rights and freedoms, Swedish women still have some way to go before they become truly equal to their male compatriots.

In the last two decades, Swedish women have made great strides in the fight for their liberation. Large numbers of women entering the labour market and achieving economic independence have strengthened women's calls for equality.

According to a number of Swedes interviewed by the Jordan Times, a noticeable increase of male participation in childrearing and housekeeping has taken place. However, some of the women interviewed pointed out continued discrimination in the job market and in the family.

Other Swedes call for a return of women to the home. They say women should choose between "being employed or at home." There is an ongoing debate among Swedes on whether women's employment has had a negative impact on the society and has led to a breakdown in the family unit.

In the 1960's, Sweden's economic prognosis showed that the country would need labour by the beginning of the 1970's, according to a civil servant, who requested anonymity. She said, "it became necessary to mobilise women," in addition to importing labour.

The influx of women into the labour market, especially married women, increased the number of working women to today's figure of 82 per cent of all women, said assistant under secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Mona Danielson. "Just as many women as men are in the labour force, but working hours are very unevenly divided," said Danielson.

Nearly half of all working women work part time, compared with seven per cent of men; and part time work occurs in these occupations which are regarded as "women's work."

Swedish legal system guards against sex discrimination in employment. But Danielson says that the labour market is in fact segregated. "Women tend to be nurses, teachers and secretaries, while men go into the industrial fields," she said, adding that there were more women in the technical fields and less housewives, "but, it takes a lot to be respected."

Statistics show that 40 per cent of all working women are either hospital aides, saleswomen, office workers or cleaning personnel. Of those employed in manufacturing, mining and construction, 88 per cent are men.

The women interviewed believe that Swedish women often enter "female fields" because in many ways the Swedish family has remained a traditional family. "People's traditional way of thinking and attitudes take time to change," said Danielson.

According to officials, schools in the past decades have been used to promote equality between men and women, in the family, in the labour market and in social life in general. Studies have shown greater awareness

among today's men and women of what these attitudes on sex roles imply.

Equal wages

The principle of equal wages for equal work has long been accepted; however, there is an earning gap between men and women. Women's choice of occupation are "those jobs which remain low on the wage scale," said the civil servant. In addition, women's shorter hours at work increase the earning gap. Approximately two thirds of all wage payments are made to men, even though women make up almost half the work force, she said.

Swedes are working in a number of ways to promote increased employment for women and to counteract segregation. Some of these measures include: Regional employment quotas and training subsidies, and relief work in non-traditional occupations in the government sector. Nonetheless, equality in the labour market is dependent on an equal sharing of work at home.

Changing traditional attitudes is difficult not only in schools, but also within the family. Women still carry the major responsibility for child care and housework, but there are signs of a shift in attitude in recent years.

Swedish legislation allows for 12 months of paid leave from work when a child is born. The leave can be shared equally between the parents or can fully be used by either. Fully employed parents also have the right to 60 days of leave with pay to care for a sick child. Parents with children can also cut their workday from

eight to six hours a day, without financial loss.

"It is not unusual anymore for a man to take a few months off work to take care of his child," said the civil servant. However, more often than not it is the women who will take leave from work to care for her child.

However, since the man is not the only breadwinner, the male-dominated system is gradually breaking down. Economic independence has given women freedom of choice. Some Swedish men and women believe that "a high price" has been paid for women's economic independence and the rapid development of the country.

Financial independence is the basis for equality between men and women. Each make their own money and each are self-sufficient," said a Swede from an Arab origin. She said: "No longer does a woman have to stay with a man because she is in need of someone to take care of her."

Divorce on the rise

A government official noted that divorce rates have increased dramatically in Sweden in the last 20 years, "one out of every three marriages ends in divorce."

A taxi-driver, recently divorced, said that he tried to follow his parents' example, who, he said, have been married for 30 years. "I tried to be a good, faithful and loyal husband. I loved my wife and kids, tried to give them everything they needed. I don't know where I went wrong. Maybe women today do not know what they really want; sometimes they say they want a liberated man, other times they say they want prince charming on his white horse."

Although they went to mar-

riage counsellors, the marriage ended in divorce, and his wife, a working woman, gained custody of their children. He said that he was bitter since he was deprived of his children except for a few visits a month, "but, what can I do, she does not want or need me."

The country's rapid development has also played a role in the breakdown of the family unit, according to two businessmen. President of Pharmacia Biomedicals Stellan Lind said that due to a rise in industry, "family ties were weakened or destroyed as people had to move around. Usually families will only see each other during occasions." Lind said that rarely does a Swede live where he was born. He also noted that Sweden does not have a tradition of taking care of the elderly at home; "we take care of them as long as we can, and then they are sent to a home," for the elderly.

Another perspective was offered by vice president of market coordination at Alfa Laval, Ake Cammarker. He believes that the working mother has played a role in the breakdown of the family unit; however, the essential blame lies on the government's progressive tax system, which was needed to establish equality among Swedes and for the development of the country, he said. "The high taxes we must pay make it necessary for the woman to work and to send her children to daycare centres," he said. Cammarker asserts that "are fed the information the Social Democrats want them to have. This is important politically."

To support his argument, he said that there were no private daycare centres. "There isn't a law prohibiting them, but the process can be obstructed."

One of the five political parties in Sweden, the Liberal Party, has called for giving women the choice of staying at home with their children instead of sending them to daycare centres from age one. "Instead of subsidising the daycare centres, they can give the money to the mothers," Cammarker said.

"We work because we want to work, because we enjoy what we are doing," said one Swedish woman. She pointed out that even if she had the choice to stay at home, she would not, as "there is no one to talk to, everyone works."

Women stressed the importance of cooperation between both partners in order to keep the family unit intact. "If my husband would help more in taking care of the children and in cleaning the house, we could both keep our jobs and our marriage together," said another Swede of a foreign origin, who also requested anonymity.

The progress that Sweden has gone through over the past two decades would have been difficult if women were not involved in the development of the country. Although they have achieved more equality than in most countries, they feel there are still some gaps which must be filled. A price for liberation has been paid, but most Swedish women find it impossible to return to the traditional roles designated for women worldwide.



Men's changing roles: Swedes are entitled to 12 months of "maternity" leave to be used by both or any of father and mother.

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King returns from Cairo talks; Arafat expected here soon

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Shamir rejected the proposals in an interview with an Israeli newspaper Friday.

"I think that Shamir will stand against the international public opinion, the U.S., the European and the Arab public opinion," Mubarak said.

"I don't think that this will lead to a comprehensive settlement or comprehensive peace," he added.

"I agree," said the King. Asked if he would still be optimistic if Shamir remained negative on Washington's plan, Mubarak said:

"The King and I are always optimistic whether Shamir makes statements to help reach a settlement or not."

"We consult with each other and exert our utmost in the right direction to reach a settlement for the Palestinian problem." The King said his visit to Syria Thursday centred on peace moves in the Middle East.

'Encouraging ideas'

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper, Mubarak has repeated his call to Arab states not to reject the new U.S. proposal.

"It is a mistake to reject and also to surrender and accept anything," Mubarak told Al Rai Al Aam in an interview published Saturday.

"There are now encouraging ideas and we must take these ideas and develop them so the

Arab policy is unified. Israel is waiting for the Arab states to say 'no' so it can claim that they are the ones in the way of a settlement."

In proposals unveiled by Secretary of State George Shultz, the United States suggested an international conference next month followed by Arab-Israeli talks on Palestinian "self-rule."

Jordan, Israel, Egypt and Syria have been asked to reply formally by the end of the week.

"We must exploit this movement and I see a good opportunity to compensate for many past chances that were lost," Mubarak said.

The president told the Egyptian news agency MENA last week that Arab states should not reject the U.S. proposals out of hand.

In his remarks published Saturday, Mubarak said he rejected the idea that Egypt reclaim sovereignty over the Gaza Strip.

"We welcome coordination with King Hussein and the PLO and are happy to extend any help from our side to move toward peace but what we reject is to stab someone in the back," he said.

U.S.-PLO talks aborted

Mubarak said that at one point during Shultz's Middle East tour he appeared to be ready to meet PLO representatives despite a U.S. ban on contact with the organisation.

"We called Palestinians along

with PLO elements who had agreed to meet Shultz on condition that the meeting take place in Cairo and nowhere else," he said.

But the meeting apparently fell through because Shultz wanted the meeting to be held in Jordan or in Europe, Mubarak said.

Arafat rejects plan

Arafat rejected the U.S. plan because it calls for indirect PLO representation at a peace conference, the New York Times reported Saturday.

Interviewed in Tunis Thursday night, Arafat said the PLO would no longer settle for indirect representation through a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as the Shultz plan suggests, the newspaper said.

Arafat said he was "definitely" prepared to make peace with the Israeli government but said Shultz's peace effort had ignored the Palestinians, the paper said.

"He contacted everybody except the Palestinians," the paper quoted Arafat as complaining.

He said without elaborating that "if this opportunity is lost, there is no other opportunity" for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, the newspaper said.

He said none of the Arab leaders who met Shultz had briefed him about their conversations but this did not matter since only the PLO could speak for the Palestinians, the New York Times said.

Arafat said he had accepted

Israel's existence by accepting "all United Nations resolutions including those which affirm Israel's right to exist peacefully with its neighbours in return for withdrawal from territory occupied in the 1967 war, the Times said."

Pressed on his willingness to make peace with Israel, he told the newspaper: "With whom am I going to make peace at an international conference? With my enemies, with the Israeli government."

Asked again if he was prepared to make peace with Israel, he replied: "Yes, definitely."

"Peace needs courageous men," the Times quoted Arafat as saying. "We are waiting for the other side. Are they ready? Or are they following this stupid Israeli military junta?"

In Israel, members of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's Labour Party criticised Shamir's decision to reject the U.S. plan when he goes to Washington Sunday.

Parliament Speaker Shlomo Hillel, a hawkish member of Laour, said in a radio interview: "It is ridiculous to say you are in favour of finding a solution but when a chance emerges to find one you are not willing to try it."

Shamir attacked the initiative in an interview with the daily Haaretz, saying: "The document is unwieldy, clumsy, imposing the shortest of timetables and containing nothing to assure the peace or security of Israel."

All Palestinians to resign from Israeli police

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call for policemen to resign. After the statement came out, Adawi said, a wave of resignations began.

He said it had not been possible for all policemen to submit their resignation forms immediately, but he expected them all to do so by Sunday.

Protests continue

In further violence in the occupied territories a 50-year-old Palestinian woman was wounded in a refugee camp in the West Bank. An Israeli army spokesman said the shots were fired from a car belonging to the Israeli prison service, which was pelted with stones in the camp.

In Hebron, troops shot and wounded a Palestinian after he

hurled a hand grenade at an army patrol, an army spokesman said. No soldiers were hurt.

Demonstrators attacked the Israeli police station in Bethlehem with stones and bottles Saturday, Israeli Radio said.

About 30 members of an Israeli group called "Stop the Occupation" visited the Amari refugee camp near Ramallah Saturday in solidarity with its residents. A demonstration broke out as they were leaving the camp and soldiers responded with tear-gas.

Peace group visits Amari

"Stop the Occupation," is a small Israeli peace group dedicated to the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied territories.

As they entered the camp with

Palestinian hosts, ragged children and others in the cramped alleys spread the word: "Jews, Jews."

Dozens of boys began chanting support for the PLO — "PLO, Israel no" — as a growing procession neared a camp barricade manned by Israeli soldiers. Older men tried to calm and disperse the small crowd.

One of the Israeli visitors later took a boy by the collar and insisted "PLO and Israel, peace."

It set the tone for an afternoon punctuated by strong emotions and high hopes.

"The barrier is 40 years old and you can't jump over it in one day," said Elnathan Weissert, an Israeli student. "With the army outside and because we were afraid and they were afraid, it was difficult."

The group visited a home where they met camp residents and exchanged views through a translator. The talk was dominated by bitter stories and feelings voiced by Palestinians.

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U.N. chief: U.S. broke agreement

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week Israel cast the only negative vote when the General Assembly in emergency session called on the United States to rescind the closure law.

The United States did not participate in the vote, which was followed by a separate resolution referring to the World Court the question of whether U.S. authorities must submit to binding arbitration of disputes, as provided for in the headquarters agreement.

In his report Saturday, the U.N. secretary general said that after the General Assembly acted he expressed to the United States the hope that "it would still prove possible for the United States to reconcile its domestic legislation with its international obligation."

Should that not be the case, he trusted that the United States "would recognise the existence of the dispute and agree to the utilisation of the dispute settlement procedure provided for in section 21 of the headquarters agreement and that in the interim period the status quo would be maintained."

Perez de Cuellar last month named a U.N. arbitrator to a three-member panel and asked the United States to do likewise. The third member may be the choice of the disputants, according to section 21.

Meanwhile, officials said they were preparing for the probability of another resumed session of the General Assembly some time next week. They predicted a resolution strongly condemning the U.S. decision.

In Cairo, a cabinet minister Saturday expressed "deep regret" at the U.S. decision.

PLO reaction

In Tunis, PLO officials were quoted as describing the U.S. decision as "a measure of support for official terrorism" in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi said the decision was a violation of U.S.-U.N. accords.

"This measure is not only an expression of hostility by the United States towards the Palestinian people and the PLO," the Tunisian TAP news agency quoted a PLO official as saying.

"But it also translates into Washington's indulgence of the savage crimes committed daily by Israel in the occupied territories."

The official called the U.S. decision "extremely serious" and

"a measure of absolute support for official terrorism against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories."

TAP quoted Klibi as saying that the U.S. decision was a "gift offered to a bloody terrorist who is unembarrassed to defy" Washington.

"The announcement of this decision at a moment when Washington prepares to play a role towards the reestablishment of peace in the Mideast shows who stands to profit from the Reagan administration's weight and in what direction American demarches are headed," Klibi was quoted as saying.

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Iraqis hit station

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Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

According to Larjani, the U.N. chief's efforts had been hampered by "Iraqi rejection" of the plan and by "American dislike" of U.N. Resolution 598 as a basis for peace.

Resolution 598, which the council adopted unanimously last July, calls for, among other things, an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal to internationally-recognised boundaries. Iraq has said it will accept the resolution provided Iran did likewise.

Larjani went on: "But still we think the efforts of the secretary-general should continue... we think his plan should be given a priority. We hope this will bring about, or at least lay the foundation for, a durable peace and security for the region."

Asked if he believed the truce in the "war of the cities" could become permanent, Larjani said such ceasefires had occurred several times before.

Baghdad's press described the ceasefire as a triumph and warned Iran against resuming the bombardment.

The newspaper Al Jomhuriya said the "war of the cities" was not the "essential issue," but "so long as the overall war continues, the rulers of Iran could fabricate any reason" to start it again.

Al Thawra, voice of Iraq's ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, said the missile war taught the "charlatans of Iran" a painful, bitter lesson. "It said any Iranian violation of the ceasefire" would, for sure, generate a devastating Iraqi reply.

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Clough makes it at last

Forest downs Arsenal

LONDON (R) — Goals by Paul Wilkinson and Brian Rice carried Nottingham Forest into the semifinals of the English F.A. Cup Saturday and broke the biggest jinx of manager Brian Clough's illustrious career.

Their strikes in the 42nd and 73rd minutes earned Forest a 2-1 win over Arsenal and took Clough beyond the sixth round of the competition for the first time in 32 years as a player and manager.

While Arsenal's hopes of appearing in two finals this season were buried at Highbury, Luton, their opponents in the League Cup final next month, continued their remarkable run of success in cup competitions with a 3-1 quarter-final win over Portsmouth.

Having booked three appearances at Wembley Stadium already this season, Luton remained on course for a fourth by scoring twice in the opening 22 minutes.

Wimbledon staged a remarkable comeback against Watford to book their place in the last four with a 2-1 victory. Already 1-0 down to a Malcolm Allen goal — his fourth in the competition this season — they had defender Brian Gayle sent off a minute before half-time for throwing a punch at Allen.

Undaunted, they stormed back with goals from substitute Eric Young after 48 minutes and John Fashanu, his 19th of the season, in the 73rd.

Runaway First Division leaders Liverpool meet Manchester City away in their sixth-round tie Sunday.

Glasgow Celtic, like Liverpool bidding for a League and Cup double, cruised into the semifinals of the Scottish Cup with a 3-0 away win over First Division Partick Thistle.

Arsenal, boasting a run of seven successive wins, must have feared their chances of avenging a 2-0 home League defeat by Forest earlier in the season.

But they always had their backs to the wall after losing key central defender David O'Leary with a recurrence of Achilles tendon trouble in the 36th minute.

Six minutes later Forest were ahead. Brian Clough's son, Nigel, set up Wilkinson and he swept a sweet right-footer in off the left-hand post.

Arsenal battled back gamely in the second half, but Forest gave nothing away at the back and Scotsman Rice's goal made his manager's day. David Rocastle scored a consolation goal for the Gunners two minutes from time.

Arsenal could well have done with some of Mick Garford's aerial power. The tall, bustling striker had a hand in all of Luton's goals.

First, he headed goalkeeper Les Sealey's clearance to the feet of Danny Wilson wide on the right and the Northern Ireland international cut inside past two men to fire home a low, left-foot shot.

Then Harford flicked a header into the path of Mark Stein, who cut through the heart of the Portsmouth defence to score from just inside the penalty area. Harford wrapped up Luton's win, after Mike Quinn had reduced the arrears, by scoring in the 88th minute.

As well as having booked a place in the League Cup final,

Luton will play at Wembley against Reading in the full members Cup final and have qualified for the League's centenary festival tournament.

Brian McClair, like Harford, is enjoying an outstanding season. He scored his 22nd and 23rd goals of the season for Manchester United in the 4-1 First Division win over Sheffield Wednesday.

United, who never looked back after scoring twice in the first seven minutes, strengthened their position as nearest challengers to Liverpool but remain a distant 14 points behind.

Everton leapfrogged above Forest into third place with a 0-0 draw at Chelsea, the London club's 17th League game without a win.

Another London side, Charlton, boosted their hopes of avoiding relegation with a 3-0 win over West Ham. Garth Crooks' second goal of the match was Charlton's 1,000th in the First Division.

Celtic's march towards another League and Cup double never looked like being checked by Partick after Andy Walker had fired the Premier League leaders ahead in the seventh minute. Second half goals followed from Tommy Burns and Billy Stark.

LONDON (R) — English league soccer table — after matches played Saturday: played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points:

English Division One										
	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Liverpool	28	22	6	0	66	12	72			
Manchester United	31	16	10	5	48	30	58			
Everton	30	15	8	7	41	18	53			
Nottingham Forest	27	15	7	5	51	24	52			
Arsenal	29	15	6	8	45	27	51			
Queens Park Rangers	29	13	7	9	33	31	46			
Wimbledon	29	12	9	8	42	32	45			
Tottenham	33	11	9	13	34	38	42			
Luton	27	11	5	11	40	34	38			
Southampton	31	9	10	12	38	43	37			
Newcastle	29	9	10	10	35	41	37			
Sheffield Wednesday	31	11	4	16	35	53	37			
Norwich	30	10	6	14	30	35	36			
Coventry	29	9	9	11	33	43	36			
West Ham	30	7	12	11	30	40	33			
Chelsea	31	8	9	14	38	53	33			
Derby	29	7	9	13	24	33	30			
Portsmouth	29	6	12	11	27	46	30			
Charlton	31	6	10	15	31	47	28			
Oxford	28	6	8	14	33	54	26			
Watford	29	5	8	16	18	38	23			

Heinzer wins downhill ski race

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado (AP) — Switzerland's Franz Heinzer, who finished second in his two previous World Cup downhill races, broke into the winner's circle Friday in a men's World Cup downhill ski race on the course that will be used for the 1989 World Championships.

Heinzer, 25, was timed in 2 minutes, 29.32 seconds over the longest course the skiers have run this season.

It was Heinzer's fourth World Cup victory and his first this season after his two runner-up finishes just prior to the Olympics. He wound up a disappointing 17th in the race at Calgary.

Heinzer had paced one of the two training runs Wednesday and was second in the other. Thursday's training was cancelled by bad weather.

Christophe Pile of France, who finished sixth in a trio of races this season, had his best career finish, taking second in 2:29.73.

Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg wound up third in 2:30.47. Italy's Michael Mair was fourth in 2:30.56, and Switzerland's Peter Mueller took fifth in 2:30.82. Rob Boyd of Canada was sixth in 2:30.83.

Swiss ace Pirmin Zurbriggen, the Olympic downhill champion who leads both the World Cup downhill and overall standings this season, finished 10th in 2:31.95.

Heinzer said he felt he won the race "in the jumps and through

four or five turns. My training times were fast. The course wasn't as fast today because of all the new snow, but I still skied it well."

Friday's race was a makeup of a race called off in Canada last week by bad weather.

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Ian Thompson, record breaker — Bahrain International Marathon 1988

Ian clocks record time in marathon

AMMAN (J.T.) — Ian Thompson, Thomas Cook Travellers Cheques marketing manager, won the recent Bahrain International Marathon and entered a new record time in Bahrain's marathon books as he completed the run in two hours, 28 minutes and 31 seconds, nearly eight full minutes ahead of the second-place winner.

Ian went against the better judgement of most marathon runners by competing in Bahrain in less than six days after completing the Malta Marathon in two hours and 34 minutes which put him in sixth place.

Having started at 14 years of age, Ian has been on the tracks for nearly 25 years during which he completed over 70 marathons and won 18 so far. Ian is also the gold champion of the British Commonwealth games and the European championship marathons.

When not competing, Ian coaches the 50-member Thomas Cook running team in Peterborough, England, writes for *Today's Runner*, a monthly magazine, and conducts clinics for youngsters.

Jet lag

Ian firmly believes that running is the best medicine for jet lag. He warns that one shouldn't run after a long flight if he feels dehydrated. During a long flight drink lots of liquids. Once settled in at a hotel or home, Ian takes to the road for a long run that he says always leaves him with a clear mind. Ian says the same works after long

meetings in stuffy rooms and many hours of sitting around the airport. This, he claims, is one of the beauties of running. All you need is a good pair of running shoes — no special partner, no special equipment required. For Ian running makes travel easier to cope with.

The late Abebe Bekila was Ian's idol when he started running. Today he has no particular hero model. He feels that the majority of good runners today are the product of countries with cooler climates like the U.K., Japan and eastern Africa. He adds, "most runners are small, light-built." It's most unusual to find a heavy, two-metre tall person on the track. Ideally long-distance runners have only 2-4 per cent fat. The ability to concentrate is also very important to a runner — determination and discipline, too.

Women runners face the same difficulties on the track as males and gain the same rewards. Running is an excellent activity. It can be started at any age. It's great for fitness and general body tone, a good way to relax and a perfect means of getting overall improvement of muscle tone. "I don't know what the latest fad is like in the Middle East but models in Europe, and ladies in general, are after the trim look which comes as a natural reward with running." One final piece of advice: if you wish to start running or undertaking any other sport, Ian suggests checking with your doctor and getting a physical to make sure you choose a sport best suited to your body and age.

TENNIS

Mecir to meet Chesnokov in final

ORLANDO, Florida (R) — Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia and Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union advanced Friday in the \$415,000 Orlando Classic Men's Tennis Tournament and will meet in the final.

Mecir defeated American David Pate 7-6, 5-7, 6-0 and Chesnokov beat American Jay Berger 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Mecir took advantage of his chances, especially in the third set as he played with all the deception for which he has been known, while Pate found it difficult to find his rhythm on his serve.

"It is important to return his serve and break it," said Mecir, the number two and only remaining seed. "When he holds serve, he makes better shots and gets confidence. His game is dangerous."

After the closeness of the first two sets when there were exchanges of service breaks, Pate expressed surprise at how easily the third set finished and he blamed it on his serve and by playing too defensively.

"Once he was on top he rolled over me," said Pate. "You need a weapon against him and I wasn't hurting him. So, he could do anything. It was a tough match for me and he took me to the cleaners."

Mecir's baseline game makes him a counter puncher and his disguised passing shots made it difficult for Pate to read. Pate was trying to be patient with his

game, but Mecir would take the ball early and return it accurately. Chesnokov, after losing the first set, rallied back by playing superb ground strokes that had Berger running from side to side.

"I started hitting the ball harder after the first set," said Chesnokov. "I thought he was getting a bit tired and I was getting stronger."

Chesnokov waited for the right moment during the match to leave the baseline from where he exchanged rallies with Berger and approached the net where he executed accurate volleys.

Berger, who had trouble with his rackets, using five of them because the strings were breaking, could not regain the form that gave him a victory over top-seed Mats Wilander of Sweden in the first round.

4 women seeds in semifinals

In Boca Raton, Florida, world number one Steffi Graf led the way as the four top seeds reached the semifinals of the \$300,000 Boca Raton Women's Tennis Tournament Friday night.

Graf beat Pascale Paradis of France 6-1, 6-2 and will play third-seeded American Pam Shriver in Saturday's semifinals. Shriver was the only one of the quartet to drop a set as she battled to overcome Puerto Rican Gigi Fernandez 1-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Second-seed Chris Evert thrashed Italian Sandra Cecchini 6-1, 6-0 but can expect a stiffer

challenge in the semifinals where she will meet number four seed Gabriela Sabatini, a 7-6, 6-3 winner against American Mary Joe Fernandez.

Shriver struggled to subdue Gigi Fernandez, ranked 40th in the world, and the Puerto Rican served for the match at 5-4 in the third set after breaking serve in the ninth game.

But Shriver broke back, held serve from 15-40 in the 11th game, and captured Fernandez's serve to love to squeeze into the last four.

"If Gigi keeps playing like that she'll be someone to contend with this year," Shriver said. "I think I came through at the end because I've been there so many times."

Madjer to join Inter

ROME (R) — Algerian striker Rabah Madjer has signed for Internazionale Milan of Italy despite a preliminary agreement to move to West German soccer champions Bayern Munich, an Italian sports newspaper reported Saturday.

Corriere Dello Sport said Madjer and officials of his Portuguese club Porto met Inter envoys to sign the two-year deal Friday in Spain, where the 29-year-old Algerian is on loan to Valencia.

Inter Milan were not available for comment on the report, which said the deal was worth 3.1 billion lire (\$2.5 million) to Porto and 750 million lire (\$600,000) a season to Madjer.

Madjer, who scored for Porto when they beat Bayern in last year's European Cup final, signed a preliminary agreement last December to move to Munich next season.

Corriere Dello Sport said that agreement was invalid since it did not have Porto's consent but in West Germany, Bayern president Fritz Scherer said: "We have a legal contract with Madjer. This has been confirmed by the European Football Union."

The newspaper said Inter Milan were holding back on announcing Madjer's contract for fear that it could jeopardise moves to sign Bayern International Lothar Matthaeus.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

FISA cuts back Paris-Dakar Rally

PARIS (R) — The Paris-Dakar Rally will be reduced from 22 days to 15 and the start will be brought forward, the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) announced Friday. FISA president Jean-Marie Balestre said the length of the controversial rally, in which six people died this year, was "unacceptable." He said rally must begin on Dec. 27 each year at the latest, instead of the traditional January 1 departure date, to avoid overlapping with the Monte Carlo Rally. Balestre said he had asked the organisers of the Monte Carlo Rally, which was to begin on Jan. 12 next year, to delay the start until Jan. 19 to leave more time between the two events.

British soccer stars to play in Australia

SYDNEY (AP) British soccer stars Glenn Hoddle, Norman Whiteside and Mark Hughes have agreed to guest player status with Australian National League club Wollongong City, the club said Saturday. Wollongong executive manager Harry Michaels said Hoddle, Whiteside and Hughes would be in Australia during June to play for the Wollongong club in home games against Sydney Olympic, Sunshine George Cross and Apia Leichhardt. England international Hoddle plays for Monaco in the French First Division, while Northern Ireland striker Whiteside plays for Manchester United, where Hughes' former teammate. Former Scottish international Alan Brazil also is contracted to the Wollongong club.

England romps to victory over N. Zealand

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — England romped to a six wicket victory over New Zealand at Lancaster Park Saturday in the second of four one-day cricket internationals between the two nations. Morning rain saw the match reduced to 45 overs per side and New Zealand could only make 186 for eight in its allotted overs after being put in to bat when England captain Mike Gatting won the toss. England responded with 188 for four with more than two overs to spare with opener Chris Broad hitting 56 and Tim Robinson 44. England attacked the New Zealand bowlers from the start and there were several missed opportunities in the field. England passed 100 for the loss of only Martin Moxon, who was caught by Chris Kugelejin at square leg off the bowling of Willie Watson in the ninth over with the score on 37. Left-hander Broad, later named man of the match, survived three dropped chances in an aggressive display while Robinson allowed his partner to dominate the strike and worked the ball effectively to keep the score ticking over. The pair put on 75 for the second wicket.

Sewald, Bucher win ballet competition

LA CLUSAZ, France (AP) — Hubert Sewald of West Germany and Jane Bucher of the United States were the winners of the ballet competition in Friday's events at the World Cup in freestyle skiing. Sewald bested compatriot Hermann Reitberger by 3 points with a 27.4-27.1 margin. Lane Spina of the United States was third. Reitberger, however, had already been assured of the World Cup title this year with his fifth victory of the season last week in a meet in West Germany. He also won the demonstration event at the Winter Olympics last month. Bucher upset Christine Rossi of France, 27.1-26.6. The French woman had won last week in West Germany and in a demonstration event in Calgary. Third went to Conny Kissling of Switzerland. The competition concludes Saturday with the aerial events.

West German wins IBF boxing title

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — West German Graciano Rocchigiani won the vacant International Boxing Federation (IBF) super-middleweight title Friday night when the referee stopped his bout with Vincent Bouquard of the United States in the eighth round of their 15-round contest.

Swede upsets Chinese in badminton

MALMO, Sweden (R) — Swedish champion Jens Stenlund unexpectedly beat second seed Lin Zhiheng of China to claim a place in the last four of the Swedish Open Badminton Championships Friday. Olsson won 15-10, 12-15, 15-10 to clinch his place in the semifinals where he will meet Denmark's Nils Skelby Saturday. Olsson, 23, from Gothenburg, was ranked only at number five in Sweden before winning the national championships last month. Skelby came back from behind against Swede Ulf Johansson to triumph 12-15, 15-9, 15-11 in his quarter-final. Another Swede, Peter Axelsson, created an upset when he knocked out Lau Wing Cheok of Singapore 18-16, 17-14 in a tight third round clash. Axelsson later lost his quarter-final against compatriot Jorgen Tjesson who had beaten India's Vimal Kumar earlier in the day. Top-seeded Xing Guobao of China kept up his straight games winning streak as he reached the semifinals with a 15-8, 15-4 win over Dane Claus Thomsen.

17 Luton fans arrested

LUTON, England (AP) — Authorities arrested 17 people and seized a cache of weapons early Saturday in breaking up a gang of soccer thugs. The operations came hours before Luton hosted Portsmouth in a quarterfinal match of England's F.A. Cup. Police said they were trying to forestall any trouble between supporters of the two clubs. Police said the pre-dawn raids were aimed at a group of Luton teenagers calling themselves the MiGs. Officers, acting on search warrants, seized flares, an air pistol, lead shot, baseball bats and "death stars," made up from the razor-sharp blades of craft knives, authorities said. Also found was a quantity of ammonia, which could be thrown at rivals, they added. Bedfordshire police detective superintendent John Branscombe said that before the raids, an intelligence gathering operation was launched to identify gang members. Police learned sales of ammonia in a Luton store had suddenly doubled and the knives used by the gang had sold out.

Lora to defend WBC bantamweight title

BOGOTA (R) — World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight champion Miguel "Happy" Lora of Colombia has said he will defend his title against Argentina's Lucio "metralleta" Lopez in Cartagena, Colombia, on April 30. Lora told a local radio station that all previous financial problems had been overcome and that Thursday he had received a guarantee for his purse, estimated at \$94,000. The 12-round fight, organised by promoter Julio Guerrero, will take place in Cartagena's bull ring. "Everything is now fixed and I will continue my training for the fight," said Lora, who won the title two and 1/2 years ago and has successfully defended it five times.

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Government to give priority to Aqaba

AMMAN (Petra) — The government attaches great importance to the Aqaba port which is considered one of the main pillars of the Jordanian economy. Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan said here Saturday.

Speaking at a meeting with the Jordanian Ports Corporation's board, the minister said that the government will provide all possible assistance to the port's authorities to enable them to boost the port's capabilities which would in turn improve services not only for Jordan but also for Iraq and other Arab countries.

Loading and unloading equipment will be improved and extended, the minister said.

The minister and the board members reviewed the current corporation's activities and present programmes, and decided to help Iraq annually export 200,000 tonnes of sulphur and 200,000 tonnes of superphosphates via Aqaba.



Transport and Telecommunications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan chairs a meeting of the Jordanian Ports Corporation's board of directors (Petra photo).

The board also discussed the allocation of JD 750,000 of the corporation's 1988 budget to finance the installation of docking facilities for the Royal Yachting Club.

Aqaba Port Corporation announced Saturday that it will take part in a meeting by the

Arab Maritime Transport Academy which will open in Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates, on March 21.

Corporation Director-General Eid Al Fayed said that the meeting will discuss the academy's programmes and subjects related to Arab ports in general.

Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, March 5, '88 and ending Wednesday, March 9, '88. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).

Name of company	Number of shares	Volume of trade	Opening price	Closing price	Par value
Banking and financial institutions					
Industrial Development Bank	1270	1671	1.310	1.340	1.000
Petra Bank	3457	6923	2.050	2.000	1.000
Jordan Islamic Bank	650	1144	1.760	1.760	1.000
Jordan Kuwait Bank	2055	3272	1.600	1.590	1.000
Jordan Gulf Bank	2420	2904	1.200	1.200	1.000
Housing Bank	7000	11200	1.600	1.600	1.000
Arab Jordan Investment Bank	1700	3604	2.100	2.120	1.000
Cairo Amman Bank	520	15600	30.000	30.000	5.000
Bank of Jordan	1955	31904	16.310	16.320	5.000
Arab Bank	510	58817	118.500	114.250	10.000
Jordan National Bank	8325	20306	2.430	2.450	1.000
Jordan Finance House for Development	16550	19489	1.200	1.180	1.000
Jordan Investment and Finance Corporation	2840	3855	1.850	1.850	1.000
Finance and Credit Corporation	153350	90047	0.610	0.590	1.000
National Financial Investments	19765	34786	1.660	1.850	1.000
National Portfolio Securities	28122	23939	0.810	0.850	1.000
Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan)	—	—	—	—	1.000
Real Estate Financing Corporation	—	—	—	—	2.000
Real Estate Exchange	50	725	14.000	14.500	10.000
Insurance and reinsurance					
RECO French Insurance	3213	18034	5.900	5.600	1.000
REFCO Life Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Life and Accident Insurance	2475	2277	1.000	0.920	1.000
Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance	5270	5794	1.100	1.100	1.000
Holy Land Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Philadelphus Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Union International Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jerusalem Insurance	2267	2961	1.280	1.310	1.000
Jordan-Gulf Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Universal Insurance	3450	2553	0.730	0.730	1.000
General Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Eagle Insurance	—	—	—	—	10.000
Middle East Insurance	—	—	—	—	10.000
Al-Izzah Insurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
National Ahliya Insurance	2500	3150	1.280	1.260	1.000
Arab Belian Insurance and Reinsurance	—	—	—	—	1.000
Services and industries					
General Investments	2555	3424	1.330	1.340	1.000
Imms for Investment and Financial Facilities	877	536	0.620	0.610	1.000
Darco for Housing and Investment	57458	26574	0.440	0.460	1.000
Real Estate Investment (Aqaro)	4384	1885	0.420	0.430	1.000
Jordan Gulf Real Estate Investment	169950	57727	0.330	0.340	1.000
Jordan Leasing Corporation	31072	21751	0.670	0.720	1.000
Petra Enterprises and Leasing Equipments	157948	30699	0.670	0.690	1.000
Equipment Leasing & Maintenance/Ta'jeero	30345	16851	0.820	0.840	1.000
Jordan Electric Power	18370	27021	1.480	1.470	1.000
Irbid District Electricity	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab International Hotels	—	—	—	—	1.000
Hotels and Tourism	—	—	—	—	1.000
Garage Owners Federation Office	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan National Shipping Lines	10650	9266	0.870	0.870	1.000
Jordan Press Foundation	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Press and Publishing	1000	2000	2.050	2.000	1.000
Dar Al Shaab Press, Printing and Publishing	36734	15206	0.400	0.410	1.000
Jordan Dairy	9395	9675	1.020	1.030	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing	6744	14266	2.120	2.100	1.000
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	205819	318379	1.500	1.540	1.000
Jordan Phosphate Mines	204	4973	2.400	2.350	1.000
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural (Intaj)	2350	3477	1.500	1.460	1.000
Arab Chemical Detergent Industries	2422	11001	4.350	4.400	1.000
Jordan Kuwait for Agricultural Products	—	—	—	—	1.000
Aladdin Industries	158250	223855	1.380	1.400	1.000
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	39275	74758	1.900	1.890	1.000
Jordan Worsted Mills	187	813	4.500	4.350	1.000
Jordan Ceramics	5550	5873	1.050	1.060	1.000
Chemical Industries	47650	83256	1.720	1.780	1.000
Jordan Industries and Match (JIMCO)	33920	24963	0.720	0.750	1.000
Dar Al Dawa' for Development and Investment	14239	21624	1.470	1.530	1.000
National Steel Industries	77210	219367	2.730	2.850	1.000
Universal Chemical Industries	118650	218560	1.860	1.850	5.000
General Mining	4546	32271	7.100	7.080	1.000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery	2491527	680166	0.240	0.250	1.000
Jordan Lime & Brick	4500	2250	0.500	0.500	1.000
National Industries	37199	14626	0.350	0.380	1.000
Arab Paper Converting and Trading	47110	63869	1.320	1.340	1.000
Jordan Wooden Industries (JWICO)	840	622	0.740	0.740	1.000
Livestock and Poultry	8468	10081	1.180	1.190	1.000
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	1.000
Rafia Industrial for Plastic Bags	1565	4798	3.020	3.080	1.000
Jordan Paper and Cardboard	45625	30537	0.660	0.670	1.000
Jordan Rockwool Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Trans-Jordan Minerals Research	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Himeh Mineral	—	—	—	—	1.000
Orient Dry Banners Factory	1425	1211	0.860	0.850	1.000
Woolen Industries	—	—	—	—	5.000
Jordan Tanning	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Printing and Packaging	—	—	—	—	1.000
Jordan Tobacco and Cigarette	—	—	—	—	1.000
Mas Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Arab Center for Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals	63370	64509	0.990	1.010	1.000
National Cable & Wire Manufacturing	57625	55101	0.930	0.950	1.000
Jordan Spinning & Weaving	46475	127850	2.970	3.040	1.000
Jordan Sulpho Chemicals	72744	77730	1.040	1.070	1.000
Jordan Cement Factories	9150	9483	1.030	1.030	1.000
Jordao Glass Industries	—	—	—	—	1.000
Grand total	4,429,168	2,988,007			

Kuwait Investment Office to raise stake in British Petroleum

LONDON (AP) — The Kuwaiti Investment Office (KIO) will raise its stake in British Petroleum (B.P.) Co. Plc to 22.5 per cent but no more, and will not seek representation on the board, its chief investment manager said Friday.

His comments were the first direct confirmation by the London-based investment arm of Kuwait of its intentions toward B.P.

Earlier Friday, the Kuwait Investment Office raised speculation it was building on its original 19.53 per cent stake by announcing, amid heavy turnover in new B.P. shares, that it held 1.269 billion B.P. shares or 21.25 per cent. The stake breached the 20 per cent level B.P. has said is acceptable.

"KIO policy with regard to all its investments is to regard them as investments and not as a means of influencing the policy of the company in question," said the KIO chief investment manager, Trevor Ball. "This is equally so in the case of B.P."

He added, "the KIO looks on this as a long term holding in a company for whose management and policy KIO have a high regard and which it is confident will act in the interests of shareholders. For the reason KIO doesn't propose to seek representation on its board."

KIO said it will increase its stake to a target 22.5 per cent as soon as market conditions permit. B.P. refused to comment on the situation Friday.

Jeremy Elden, an oil analyst at the British brokerage Phillips and Drew, said Kuwait originally intended to build up a 25 per cent

stake in B.P.

Elden said the 22.5 per cent target stake "looks like a classic compromise" worked out between B.P. chairman Sir Peter Walters and Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al Sabah.

Kuwait had hoped for a 25 per cent stake in B.P. because that would give them the right to block special resolutions put to B.P. shareholders, Elden said. The resolutions have to receive approval of at least 75 per cent of the stockholders.

"That would have given them real power over the company, if they had ever wanted to exercise it," Elden said.

The office began accumulating B.P. shares soon after B.P.'s £2.7 billion share offering was massively undersubscribed last October.

In February it declared a 19.53 per cent stake, or 1.165 billion shares.

Walters indicated in February that he viewed the KIO's stake as acceptable provided the office didn't increase its holding beyond 20 per cent.

B.P. partly paid shares were up five pence at 88 pence by midday Friday on London's Stock Exchange, and 71 million new shares were traded by midday.

B.P. regular shares were up nine pence at 286 pence, with stock exchange volume in the shares amounting to 60 million shares.

Economists see Japan's growth settling down

TOKYO (R) — Japan's economic growth has slowed from its feverish pace of late last year and is settling to a healthy, sustainable rate, economists said.

While growth will be less frenetic than in the last two quarters of 1987, the economy remains robust and is now less dependent on the stimulus of government spending, they said.

"We're past peak growth, but it was an excessive rate of expansion," said David Gerstenhaber, economist at Morgan Stanley International. "Even if it's slowing down, it's still pretty fast."

Economists said the peak was hit in the last two quarters of 1987.

In the July/September quarter the economy grew two per cent from the previous period and government economists have estimated it grew 1.5 per cent between October and December.

They have projected growth for the fiscal year ending on March 31 to be above the government's target of 3.7 per cent.

"The crest of the cycle is just behind us," said Ron Napier,

economist with Salomon Brothers (Asia). "Housing, public works, business investment, inventory restocking, private consumption were all going great guns."

A cooling-off in the housing boom which fuelled much of last year's growth is the clearest sign of a decline in the growth rate, economists said.

Housing starts fell 28.4 per cent in January compared to December which saw about a one per cent drop from November.

"We don't see a continued momentum of high growth rates (in the housing sector) this year," said Keiichi Honda, research director at the Bank of Tokyo.

If, as expected, government spending on public works in the next fiscal year rises less than in the present year that will also mean less of a boost for the economy.

Napier estimated total central and government public works spending would rise about two per cent from the total package for 1987/88 which included a supplementary budget.

Iraq buys 51 per cent of Jordan's exports

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's industrial exports last year were worth JD 131,412,164 against JD 131,975,365 in 1986, according to figures released by the Amman Chamber of Industry and quoted by Al Dustour Arabic newspaper.

The report said that Iraq top-

ped the list of countries importing Jordanian manufactured products, buying nearly 51 per cent of the total exports.

Other countries importing Jordanian products included Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, nations in South

East Asia, Europe and North America, according to the report.

It said that Jordan last year exported leather, chemical, plastic and agricultural products, perfumes, engineering equipment, electrical appliances, kitchens, doors, furniture, constructional materials, paper, processed and canned food and textiles.

Minister approves municipal budgets

KARAK (Petra) — Municipal and Rural Affairs and Environment Minister Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber has approved a JD 182,000 budget for Ghor Al Mazraa municipality in the Karak governorate.

Ghor Mazraa Mayor Radwan Dughmeit said that JD 80,000 of the funds will be allocated for setting up a new shopping centre while the rest will finance the construction of roads, the purchase of land for public use and the purchase of equipment for various municipality operations.

The minister also endorsed a JD 71,500 budget for Al Shahabieh town in the Karak governorate. According to Mayor Saleh Shannale, most of the funds will finance road construction, the maintenance of cemeteries and mosques and the lighting of streets.

The Cities and Villages Development Bank has, meanwhile, approved a JD 14,000 loan for Adnanieh village council in the Karak governorate.

The sum will be used to pay compensation to residents whose lands had been appropriated by the council for opening roads. In addition, JD 4,000 have been allocated for opening roads.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — Although only shares of 36 public-shareholding companies were traded Saturday, the number of shares, the volume and the number of contracts were relatively high at 529,269 shares, JD 782,230 and 405 contracts respectively.

The attention of investors shifted Saturday to the banking sector focusing on the National Financial Investments Company which accounted for 212,750 shares, JD 415,685 and 29 contracts of the total. The Jordan Line and Silicate Brick Industries Company ranked second as it captured 125,844 of the number of shares but National Steel Industries Company was second in the JD 106,335 volume it recorded. The number of contracts for both was 51 and 70 respectively.

Another firm which posted moderate figures was Intermediate Petrochemical Industries. It accounted for 37,150, JD 56,057 and 52 contracts of the total.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Fichter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

This is a good time to collect your thoughts and make some definite plans for the future. It may be a good idea to seek the advice of an expert. It would be wise to avoid taking any risks today.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make an effort to get your life more efficiently organized. Stay at home with your mate tonight, and get plenty of rest after a hard day.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) A new acquaintance can give you some very profitable ideas, so try to make a friend of this person. Drive carefully this evening.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be sure to keep any promises you have made to the letter. You'll have some free time today, so get into a hobby you have always enjoyed.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You can come to a fine understanding with an associate concerning a project. Become more active in civic affairs.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You would be wise to give more thought to the state of your health. If you get together with a co-worker, keep it on a social, non-business level.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) If you pay any friends a visit, be sure

to do so before the sun goes down. The comfort of your home is your best bet this evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Work on establishing more harmony at home. You can accomplish a great many things today, but stay at

home and rest up tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A few short trips can bring you many benefits today if you use some charm. Be sure to drive very carefully on the highways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can find some great ideas on how to add to your income in the newspaper. Try not to spend any money if you don't have to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Your organizational ability is quite good right now, so use it. Get together with some old and trusted friends this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This is a good time to focus your energy on solving any problems in your personal life. Handle any dull chores in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) An understanding friend is more than willing to listen to any problems you may have. Set aside some time for healthful exercise.

The Daily Commuter Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 — meter
- 5 Take the helm
- 10 Implement
- 14 Jabber
- 15 Jason's ship
- 17 Yarn
- 18 Waste maker
- 19 Blow a horn
- 20 Without lowering
- 23 How — you?
- 24 QED word
- 27 Property
- 31 Preoccupied
- 35 Punctured
- 36 Govern
- 37 Before: pref.
- 38 Caught off guard
- 42 Mine find
- 43 Assess
- 44 Like some snail
- 45 Retirement payments
- 46 Laundry machines
- 48 Swift jets
- 49 Tablet
- 51 Like a bolt
- 52 Run the blue
- 53 Lowly laborer
- 54 Embarrass
- 55 City on the Truckee
- 56 "Blind" e.g.
- 57 Sheriff's group
- 58 Ales or Robert
- 59 Heap
- 60 Nero or
- 61 Death

DOWN

- 1 Ales, island
- 2 Bank deal
- 3 Beauty mark
- 4 Author's story
- 5 Area of action
- 6 Vestige
- 7 Orient
- 8 Cigar end
- 9 Wind instrument
- 10 Lechers
- 11 In favor of
- 12 In the past
- 13 Young child
- 14 Metal disc
- 15 Metal or Cobb
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- 18 Gaze fixedly
- 19 Subway fares
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- 26 Sir's sib
- 27 Hidden
- 28 Sonbeam
- 29 Posture

U.S. imposes sanctions against Panama; cash crisis worsens

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan says he is prepared to take additional steps against Panama's government if a new series of economic sanctions does not force military strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega from power.

As expected, Reagan announced Friday that the United States will withhold a \$6.5-million payment due to Panama next Tuesday for operations relating to the Panama Canal. He took other measures designed to make Panamanian products less competitive in U.S. markets.

"Until such time as a democratic government is restored in Panama, the U.S. cannot proceed on a business-as-usual basis," Reagan said in a statement.

Panama's ambassador in

In addition, Reagan announced the suspension of Panamanian participation in the Caribbean Basin initiative, under which some products are allowed duty-free entry into the United States.

He also ordered stepped-up inspection of people and goods entering the United States from Panama in order to apprehend drug traffickers and money launderers.

Shultz said there was no need to impose an additional sanction

Austerity measures

In Panama City, the government, under the pressure of the U.S. sanctions, has cut civil servants' working hours to save money.

Panama's new chief executive, Manuel Solis Palma, met with his cabinet in an emergency session Friday.

He was to meet with the cabinet again Saturday "to work out a total package plan to deal with the crisis, especially a payment plan for public employees who must be paid by March 15," said an official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The government reportedly was considering delaying or reducing payments due Tuesday to nearly 150,000 government em-

hours for government offices.

'State of war'

Boris Moreno, a Panamanian government spokesman, said the U.S. actions created a "state of war" and set a dangerous precedent.

"This means that if the United States government does not like the government of another country, it can withhold any funds deposited in the United States," he said.

Noriega made no comment on Reagan's new sanctions.

Riot dispersed

Riot police firing tear gas grenades and spraying a stinging, acrid liquid from canisters prevented opposition parties from holding a demonstration in the central banking district Friday.

Three journalists were injured when police sprayed tear gas in their faces at close range.

Soviet charges

In Moscow, the Soviet TASS news agency Friday charged that U.S. economic sanctions against Panama were an attempt to subjugate the Central American nation and reclaim the Panama Canal.

"Reports on developments around Panama leave no doubt that the Washington administration intends to crush the independence of that country and perpetuate U.S. domination over its territory, first of all the Panama Canal zone," TASS said in its commentary.

The agency described drug-trafficking accusations against Noriega as "a convenient pretext" for interference in internal Panamanian affairs.

'Asylum in Spain'

Also Friday, the ABC Television network quoted diplomatic sources as saying the government of Spain was prepared to offer asylum to Noriega.

The two countries most mentioned by opposition leaders as possible asylum sites are Paraguay and the Dominican Republic. Opposition leaders say they have sounded out the Dominican Republic, and that Noriega sent two military colleagues to Paraguay this past week, possibly to discuss asylum prospects.

Aquino tells army to stick to war

BAGUIO, Philippines (Agencies) — Philippine President Corason Aquino Saturday gave a blunt message to the Philippine military to stay out of politics and get back to fighting.

Speaking to elite officer cadets who last year rebelled against her, she called for a greater concentration on fighting skills.

"Policy is the business of the civilian authority... Fighting the enemies marked out by that policy is your business," Aquino told graduating cadets who publicly backed a major coup attempt last August.

"So long as that distinction is kept in mind there will be no misunderstanding," she added.

Aquino spoke from the same podium in the Philippine Military Academy grandstand that was partly destroyed a year ago when a bomb exploded during graduation rehearsals, four days before she was to address the cadets. The blast killed four people, including two officers.

Aquino at that time called it an assassination attempt.

Her speech Saturday continually underlined the need to sharpen the skills and fighting spirit of what is widely seen as the least professional army in Asia.

The socioeconomic conditions that the military says must also be tackled to defeat the 19-year-old communist insurgency were the business of the civilian government, she declared.

"There is no substitute for fighting. I don't want soldiers pushing papers, I want them pushing the enemy around," Aquino said.

Aquino ordered the academy's teaching methods to return to the basics of the small-group fighting that dominates a war contested mainly in isolated villages and by countryside bit-and-run ambushes.

Force was the only answer to those attempting to seize power, she said.

"The only way to defeat (such) ambition is to crush it as we did again and again with the criminal ambitions of the right and as we continue to do with the totalitarian ambitions of the left," she said.

The duty of the military was to protect the lives and human rights of Filipinos and maintain the security of the civilian government, she said.

Aquino made no direct reference to the public support for rebel Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan's revolt last August expressed by the academy cadets, led by the graduating class she was addressing.

Insurgency dwindling

In another development, the Associated Press (AP) reported Saturday that a classified report contradicts the Philippine military's claims and predicts that the Communist insurgency will dwindle considerably by the end of Aquino's term.

The prediction was made in a military intelligence report drafted at the end of last year and distributed to Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos and Chief of Staff General Renato de Villa in January.

U.N. panel adopts 78 human rights resolutions

GENEVA (AP) — The U.N. Human Rights Commission Friday ended its annual six-week session, following adoption of 78 resolutions this year on human rights situations throughout the world.

U.N. spokesman Jean-Paul Riviere said the number compared with 61 measures adopted by the 43-nation panel last year. The resolutions denounced a wide range of violations, with emphasis on the situation in the Israeli occupied territories, Southern Africa, Chile, Iran and Afghanistan. The mandates of the special U.N. investigators were extended.

The commission also took some 20 other decisions, including one which accepted an invitation by the Fidel Castro government to send a delegation to Cuba for an inquiry into allegations of rights abuses.

The decision, drafted by four Latin American countries, was approved without vote late Thursday. It was the first time that Cuba agreed to admit foreign investigators. The visit is planned this summer, with the delegation to report its findings to the 1989 session of the commission.

Pinochet rejects call for open election

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chilean President Augusto Pinochet Friday rejected an opposition demand to allow more than one candidate to run for president, saying it would create "chaos and anarchy."

Pinochet, the army commander who has ruled Chile since a 1973 coup, vowed to carry out the government's plan for a single candidate in a yes-or-no plebiscite sometime this year.

Pinochet made the remarks in an address to the nation to mark the seventh anniversary of the military-drafted constitution, which the opposition wants amended.

In a pre-dawn attack before Pinochet's speech, leftist guerrillas fired submachine guns and at least two rocket grenades at a suburban Santiago police station, wounding two officers and three civilians, officials reported.

Officials reported three other guerrilla attacks early Friday in the Santiago area, but no casualties.

According to the Chilean constitution, the commanders-in-chief of the army, navy and air force and the head of the national police will pick a single presidential candidate for a yes-or-no vote.

17 killed in Sri Lankan bus attack

COLOMBO (R) — Gunmen who killed at least 17 people in a bus ambush set fire to the vehicle with the wounded still inside and pushed fleeing stab victims back into the deathtrap, reports reaching Colombo Saturday said. The gang opened fire with T-56 automatic rifles Friday while the bus was moving and threw grenades, killing the driver instantly, a Horowpathana police officer said.

"The group then boarded the bus and started stabbing with knives and swords and also opened fire at the passengers. The attackers never said any word at all," he said.

Police in Anuradhapura district told Reuters by telephone they have yet to remove the charred remains from the badly burnt bus, attacked on the main road at Horowpathana. "There are at least 15 bodies inside, possibly 20," said a Horowpathana policeman.

New S. African dissident group banned

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa Saturday effectively banned an organisation which had been formed to take over from leading anti-apartheid groups severely restricted by the government. Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok issued an order against the Committee for the Defence of Democracy, formed by leading government opponents Monday after the activities of 18 dissident groups were curtailed last month. The order also banned a mass protest rally set for Sunday by the new committee. The committee was formed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and fellow churchman Allan Boesak after the white-led government effectively banned black opposition.

Acting Vietnamese premier named

BANGKOK (R) — Vietnam has appointed Vo Van Kiet, a leading advocate of pragmatic economic reform, as acting prime minister to replace Pham Hung, who died Thursday, the state radio said. Kiet, 65, will serve until a permanent successor is chosen by the National Assembly, said a communique issued after a special cabinet session Friday and reported in a Saturday broadcast. Kiet ranks fourth in the ruling Communist Party politburo and was the senior of nine deputy premiers under Hung, who died of a heart attack at 75 after only nine months in office.

Lebanon's Armenians protest killings

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's Armenian community staged a strike Saturday in protest at what it called massacres against Armenians in Soviet Azerbaijan. The strike was called by three Armenian political parties based in Christian-controlled areas of Lebanon where the bulk of the Armenian community lives. Witnesses and Armenian residents said the strike was observed at all Armenian institutions and schools while Armenians working in other institutions did not report to work. A statement by the Armenian community said the strike was "in protest at the massacres committed against the innocent Armenians in Azerbaijan."

Another statement by Armenian clerics said 1,500 Armenians have been killed in the ethnic clashes that started Feb. 28 between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the city of Sumgait. Soviet troops are now patrolling the city nearly two weeks after the clashes started.

Freed American blasts contras, U.S.

MANAGUA (R) — An American peace volunteer held for nine days by contra rebels described the experience Friday as the most terrifying of his life and blamed Washington for its detention. "It has been the most terrifying experience of my life," Richard Boren, 30, said of the ordeal, which ended when he was released unharmed Wednesday. "I denounce as an act of terrorism the contra kidnappings of civilians," said Boren, who was seized with 19 Nicaraguans after a rebel attack on a northern settlement on March 1, during which two rebels and four peasant militia force members were killed. "The contras had absolutely no right to attack," he said. "I blame the contras and those who created the contras — the U.S. government."

Prince Charles returns after tragedy

LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles flew home Friday with the coffin of a close friend and skiing partner killed in a Swiss avalanche that almost engulfed the heir to the British throne. Charles, his wife, Diana, the Princess of Wales, and sister-in-law Sarah, the Duchess of York, walked under gray skies from the royal aircraft that landed at Northolt Air Base near London after flying from Switzerland. They were met by the pregnant widow of Hugh Lindsay, 34, who was killed in the skiing accident Thursday. Lindsay was an army major and former aide to Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II. Charles, 39, was praised for helping save the life of another skier, Patricia Palmer-Tomkinson, but called foolhardy by British newspapers for skiing off the marked trails at the Klosters, Switzerland, resort.

Soviets to inspect major NATO exercise

OSLO (R) — Soviet observers have demanded to inspect the crucial stages of a major NATO winter exercise in northern Norway at 36 hours notice, a right they are exercising for the first time on the alliance's northern flank. Foreign Ministry spokesman Lasse Seim said Norway was told of the Soviet demand Friday night and that the inspection team would fly to northern Norway from Leningrad early Sunday morning. The right of "inspection on challenge" for military manoeuvres was agreed at the 35-nation Conference on European Security and Cooperation (CSCE) in Stockholm two years ago but the Warsaw Pact has never before sprung such a demand on manoeuvres in Norway. "They will have 48 hours to carry out the inspection, which may include everything except permanent installations and highly-sensitive equipment," a NATO spokesman in northern Norway said. Troops from eight of the 16 allied nations are taking part in Arrowhead Express, a month-long exercise involving 14,000 troops and designed to test fighting ability in winter conditions near Norway's Arctic border with the Soviet Union.

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S. Korea gets tough on AIDS

SEOUL (AP) — South Korea has only a handful of AIDS cases, but it has adopted a tough new law to fight the disease with compulsory tests, sexual supervision of patients and prison terms for violators. Officials at the health ministry say the law is the first of its kind anywhere to try to comprehensively combat AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) and control those already suffering from the disease. AIDS has had little impact in South Korea, but the government, backed by strong public concern, introduced the AIDS law to try to limit the spread of the disease. Health experts agree AIDS cannot be eradicated, but say the law will provide major defenses. Under the law, AIDS sufferers face up to three years in prison if convicted of having sex with infected people without using preventive measures such as condoms. AIDS sufferers who intentionally infect someone also could face criminal assault charges. Owners of bars and clubs that employ women suffering from AIDS or prostitutes who fail to submit to AIDS tests face prison sentences of up to one year. Doctors who fail to report diagnosed AIDS cases also face one-year sentences.

Condoms fail test

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP) — Twelve per cent of U.S.-made condoms and 21 per cent of foreign-made ones failed in recent testing, say federal researchers. The prophylactics, have been advocated as a means of slowing the spread of AIDS. As of February, the centres for Disease Control (CDC) reported Thursday, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had tested samples from 430 batches of condoms — 165 batches manufactured in America, and 265 manufactured abroad. The FDA reported previously that as many as one in five batches of latex condoms it tested fail to meet federal standards. The FDA rejects a batch of condoms if more than four per 1,000 fail in water-leakage tests. If two or more batches from a foreign manufacturer fail, future shipments from that manufacturer are stopped at their point of entry into the United States. The CDC in its report on condoms and sexually transmitted diseases stressed that condoms can help prevent such diseases, but that they don't always work. "Individuals likely to become infected or known to be infected with (AIDS) should be aware that condom use cannot completely eliminate the risk of transmission," the Atlanta-based agency said. Lab tests have shown that latex condoms are effective barriers to the spread of AIDS, hepatitis B, Gonorrhea, chlamydia and other sexually transmitted diseases. However, breakage or other mishaps during use can negate their disease-fighting effectiveness.

Gibb died of heart condition

LONDON (AP) — Pop singer Andy Gibb died naturally of a heart condition, a coroner's office said Friday after Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb angrily denied reports that his brother's death was related to drug abuse. Constable Michael Harvey of the Oxford coroner's office said that since an autopsy showed that the cause of death was natural, an inquest would not be conducted. "Mr. Gibb died from inflammation of the heart of the sort commonly caused by a virus. There is no evidence that his death was related to drink or drugs," said a statement from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, where he died Thursday at age 30. Gibb had followed his brothers, who formed the Bee Gees rock group to stardom in the late 1970s.

'Peter Pan' helps kids

LONDON (R) — Britain's House of Lords has rescinded a scheme which gave lucrative royalties from "Peter Pan," the ever-popular play about a boy who never grew up, to the prestigious London Hospital for Sick Children. Fifty years ago, author J.M. Barrie bequeathed the hospital all rights from the play which in the past half-century have brought it more than £1 million (\$1.8 million). The expiry of the play expired on Dec. 31 — and with it the royalties to the Great Ormond Street Hospital. But a special amendment to the expiry rules on royalties in this case, which was proposed by former prime minister Lord Callaghan, was approved Thursday night by the upper chamber of Parliament.



Newspaper vendors in Panama City accept pennies for paper while all banks are closed, leaving people without cash.

Washington, Juan B. Sosa, praised Reagan's announcement. He told a news conference late Friday that the sanctions, combined with anti-government actions by the Panamanian people, will be enough to bring Noriega down.

Sosa has refused to recognise the two-week old government in Panama, sharing Reagan's view that it took power by unconstitutional means and is therefore illegitimate. Sosa has declined to turn over the embassy to a new envoy named by Noriega.

Reagan said that Noriega, under federal indictment on drug trafficking charges, would best serve Panama by relinquishing his post as commander of Panama's defence forces.

Reagan's announcement came two weeks after Panamanian President Eric Arturo Delvalle attempted to fire Noriega, but was instead ousted hours later in a move that had all the earmarks of a military coup.

Reagan said his decision to withhold the \$6.5 million and place it in escrow was not in violation of U.S. obligations under the Panama Canal treaties.

"I am prepared to take additional steps, if necessary, to deny the transfer of funds to the Noriega regime from other sources in the U.S.," Reagan said.

Reagan also said that Panamanian exports subject to U.S. tariffs will no longer be admitted at the lowest possible rates. Secretary of State George Shultz said the amount of annual trade affected by the decision is \$95 million.

relating to the fees Panama receives from Alaskan oil shipments transferred to U.S. East Coast ports through a Panamanian pipeline.

Shultz said those fees already have been frozen based on earlier court action. Estimates of the revenues Panama receives from the pipeline range from \$80-120 million annually.

The aim of the sanctions is to aggravate an existing cash-flow crisis in Panama.



Panama City senior citizens wait in line to cash their retirement benefit checks; some are still waiting to be paid, as the cash-flow crisis continues.

Angola willing to negotiate with S. Africa

LISBON (Agencies) — Angola is willing to negotiate directly with South Africa to end the country's civil war, a Luanda government minister said Friday.

"I think the moment has come perhaps to begin direct negotiations with South Africa," Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem, Angola's minister for the productive sector, energy and oil, told a news conference at the end of a brief visit to Portugal.

"We have certain signs that South African leaders are considering the possibility of direct conversations," he added.

Van-Dunem indicated Angola was disappointed with Washington's role as mediator in the conflict, which opposes Angola's Marxist government and pro-Western UNITA rebels.

He said Washington seemed concerned only with the departure of some 35,000 Cuban troops, which are stationed in Angola and are helping the Luanda government fight UNITA rebels.

South Africa offered this week to deal directly with the Soviet Union to set up a neutral government in Angola, a proposal which

excluded the United States.

South Africa said Friday that Foreign Minister P.W. Botha is to meet Washington's top Africa expert, Chester Crocker, next week in an unspecified venue in Europe to discuss fresh moves to end Angola's civil war.

SWAPO morale high

Meanwhile, in Luanda a top official of the movement fighting South Africa for the independence of South-West Africa said Friday morale was high after 22 years of guerrilla war but criticised Western nations for opposing stronger economic sanctions against South Africa.

"We have the support of (southern Africa's) front-line states, the Organisation of African Unity, the Non-Aligned Movement and the international community at large," Andimba Toivo Ja Toivo, secretary-general of the South-West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) said in an interview in Luanda.

"We have scored victories," he said, "by eliminating South African forces and war material, and, of course, by winning this international support."

GOVERN BRIDGE

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A HIGHER CALLING

Neither vulnerable. South dealt.
NORTH
♠ 9 7
♥ K 4
♦ J 6 3 2
♣ A Q J 8 2
WEST
♠ K J 8 5 4
♥ A 8 4
♦ 10 7 3 2
♣ 7 5
SOUTH
♠ A 10 3
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A K Q
♣ 10 9 5

The bidding:
1NT West North East
Pass Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠
The most common form of suit-preference signal is to play a high card to ask for the higher suit or a low card for the lower suit. However, in some circumstances you can even signal in the suit you are leading. What the two signals have in common is that in each case there is a choice of only two suits.

The auction was routine. South's no trump opening bid means every textbook requirement, and North

has a little to spare for his jump to game.

West led his fourth-best spade. East's queen was allowed to win, and the spade return was won by

West's jack as declarer again played low. Now the king of spades forced the ace.

The ten of clubs was run to East's king, and that defender was at the crossroads. If you look at the diagram you will see that if East returns a heart the contract will be defeated; if he shifts to a diamond, declarer will ruff off the next eight tricks. Is it all a matter of guesswork?

Definitely not! West has asked for a heart return! How? By his selection of the king of spades when he forced out declarer's stopper. At that point West had a choice of spades to return. The fact he selected his highest asked for the higher of the two crucial suits, hearts or diamonds, there was no way he could want a club; had he wanted a diamond, he would have led the four of spades on the third round.

There is a moral to this story. Don't play cards with reckless abandon. Every card can be used to tell partner something.